

**Special Education Advisory Committee
Virginia Beach Public Schools
April 14, 2008**

Attendance

Present Voting Members:	Jennifer McElwee, Deirdre Fisher, JoAnna Bryant, Lisa Parker, Jan Solock, Cheryl Ward, Honey Low, Marian Sanders, Kara Russell, Sandy Hermann, Marianne Stinson, Carolyn Stark, Ronica Henry
Absent Voting Members:	Tommy Billups, Helen Burroughs, Paige Shaw, Ping Camano, Samantha Gregg
Consultants:	Ruth Page, Dr. Judith Green, Robert Mitchell, Suzie Kumpf
Guests:	Verna Dickens, Eric Dominguez, Emily Weiss, Takeyra Talbot, Norm Brown, Daisy Wood, S. Darwin, Diane Baker, Jill Burton
Quorum Present:	Yes.

1. Welcome/Introductions:

The meeting began at 6:35 pm with Chairperson Honey Low welcoming everyone present and ask all SEAC members to stand and introduce themselves.

2. Public Comment: Two

Joy M – She did not receive a flyer about the meeting until same day in her child’s backpack. Her child attends Kempsville Middle but in checking with friends she found that flyers were not sent home from Plaza Middle or White Oaks Elementary.

This short notice of meeting makes attendance difficult for families that have child care issues. In ten years of her son’s school experience, this is the first time a flyer came home. She suggested creating a Special Education PTA liason at individual schools to help information like these meeting notices get distributed.

Second comment –

Parent of a 3 year old son, diagnosed with autism, has a DD label and attends cross categorical preschool. She feels appropriate services are not available in VB and are not based on the unique needs or disability specific. Strongly believes proper serves through early intervention will promote successful outcome. Feels there are not appropriate services available and there is a difference between diagnosis and labels.

She believes it is unfair to her son to be in a classroom with other students who have cognitive disabilities. SECEP and Bridges programs mentioned regarding appropriateness, requested more one on one therapies, insurance provisions

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3. Announcements:

Organization	Event		More Info:
Transition Career Connection	Mar 12 th	13 th Annual Career Connection Advanced Technology Center	TCC VB
Several Norfolk agencies	May 10 th	Day for People with disabilities at the Virginia Zoo,	Christy.donovan@norfolk.gov
Care Connection for Children	April 23 May 28 June 25	Parents of Children with Special Needs Support Group Endeppence Center 9:30 to 11:30 am.	JoAnna Bryant 461-4474
TASA	May 17 th	TASA Annual 5K Race, Walk and Kids Fun Run	TASA 461-4474
Christopher Newport Univ.	July 14-18	2008 Youth Leadership Forum	Christopher Newport Univ.

4. Correspondence:

5 Reports:

Bob Mitchell, OPEC	No report given.	
Jennifer McElwee Va Beach Infant Program/Case Management	Current Enrollment	
	Total # of Discharges in November	
	# discharged in February who will attend VB preschools	
	# of those children who were 3 yo	
	# of children enrolled currently in the VB preschool referral process	
	Total # of children entering VB schools since July 2007 for 2007/2008	
	Of the Total #, those who were 3 yo	
TCC	No report given.	
Carolyn Stark-Parks & Recreation	No report given.	
Ruth Page, Parent Resource		
Kathy Majors DRS	No report given.	

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6. SEAC Sub-Committees/Representatives/School Board Reports

Membership Subcommittee Sandy Hermann	The new bylaw revision was presented for vote by membership and approved
Policy Review Subcommittee Sandy Hermann	No report given.
Student Performance Assessment Deirdre Fisher	No report given.
SEAC Effectiveness JoAnna Bryant	No report given.
Deaf Community Lisa Parker	No report given.
Bylaws Review	The new bylaw revision was presented for vote by membership and approved
Minority Review Subcommittee Cheryl Ward	No report given.
VB Employment Transition Connection Committee	No report given.
SECEP Joint Board Meeting Marianne Stinson	No report given. SECEP Joint Board Meeting date is May 28 th .
School Board Report	No report given.
Annual Report Committee	The Committee is preparing the annual report to be presented in May at the school board meeting.
Nomination Committee	The slate of officers for 2008-2009 was presented for election to be held in May. Slate consists of Sandy Hermann for Chairperson, Kara Russell for Vice Chair, and Maryanne Stinson for Secretary. A call for nominations from the floor brought forth the nomination of Honey Low for Chairperson, made by Susie Kumpf.

**7. Old Business
None.**

8. New Business

Ruth Page gave presentation on the Parent Resource Center. Dr. Mitchell gave a presentation on guidance counselor role with special education students. Coordinator gave a presentation on What Coordinators do. Cheryl Ward gave a presentation on the proposed changes in Special Education regulations.

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9. Review of Public Comment:

Past Month=s Public Comment:

10. Reading and Approval of the Minutes:

11. Meeting Adjourned

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm

Next SEAC Meeting:

When: April 14, 2008 at 6:30 pm

Location: Landstown High School

Prepared by: Jan Solock