

**Special Education Advisory Committee
Virginia Beach City Public Schools
SEAC Minutes – May 13, 2013**

Attendance

Members Present :	Rayna Amoreno, Carol Brubaker, Ping Camano, Sandy Hermann, Donna Robel, Cheryl Ward,
Members Absent:	Melissa Barnett (DHS), Carolyn Cox, Kara Russell, Cherese Jenks
Consultants Present:	Rusty Fairheart-SECEP, Allison Jordan, Eileen Ouellette
Consultants Absent:	Brenda Lenhart, Suzie Kumpf, Daisy Wood
Guests:	Veronica Ellis, Todd Humphrey, Michelle Redmond, Tania Sotomayor, Lee Woodard
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Welcome:

Chairperson Hermann convened the meeting at 9:10 AM.

Introductions: Individual introductions were made around the room.

Adoption of Agenda: The Chair called for a motion to adopt the agenda **Motion:** Rayna Amoreno - **Seconded** Carol Brubaker. Ayes 5, Nays 0. The agenda was adopted.

Public Comment: None

<u>Announcements</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ping Camano – Flyer provided “The Brain Friendly Home” ▪ Carol Brubaker spoke about a dance program for children with special needs; more information to be provided at next meeting. ▪ Sandy Hermann reminded the committee about the care connection list serve
<u>Correspondence</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Correspondence – available in a book

Reports

Dr. Daisy Wood / Allison Jordan OPEC	<p>Ms. Jordan summarized the Virginia Board of Education’s (VBOE) March 28, 2013, adoption of the Credit Accommodations for Students with Disabilities. The credit accommodations were adopted due to the Modified Standard Diploma no longer being available to the incoming freshman class of 2013-2014. All current high school students, as of 2012-2013, may access the Modified Standard Diploma through their graduation, or exit from K-12 education.</p> <p>The Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) held two follow up webinars, the most recent one on April 29, 2013. The VDOE clarified in this webinar that current seniors who qualified for the Credit Accommodations, were allowed to participate in the adopted criteria immediately. The VBOE adopted five different accommodations for school division to implement. Numbers four and five could not be implemented this school year, as they involved course development. See attached handout from VDOE.</p>
Melissa Barnett VBDHS	No report or activity reported.

Cheryl Ward Independence Center	See handout.
Dept. Parks & Rec. Carolyn Cox	No report or activity reported.
Parent Support and Information Center Brenda Lenhart. & Eileen Ouellette	The spring issue of the Dialogue is currently being reviewed—and will be posted on line. The PSIC is putting together a binder for parent quick review/information. For more information please contact Brenda Lenhart or Eileen Ouellette in the Parent Support and Information Center at 263-2066, or email Brenda.Lenhart@vbschools.com / Eileen.Ouelette@vbschools.com .
SECEP Joint Board Meeting Rusty Fairheart	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 45 students graduated on Saturday, May 4, 2013, the ceremony was well attended. ▪ Eight students transitioned from St. Mary’s Home to the new facility ▪ Next Joint School Board meeting is scheduled for May 29, 2013, at which time the operating budget for the 2013-14 school year will be adopted.
Membership Subcommittee Chair: Rayna Amoreno	Membership requests for Carolyn Stark, Kara Russell and Cheresse Jenks were submitted to the School Board for membership renewal requests; action for membership will be initiated at the June 4, 2013, School Board meeting.

SEAC Standing Subcommittees

Policy Review Subcommittee Chair: Sandy Hermann	Annual Plan was approved at the April 28 School Board meeting.
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SEAC Ad-Hoc Subcommittees:

Ad-Hoc Effectiveness Chair:	No report or activity reported.
Ad-Hoc Student Performance Review Subcommittee: Cheryl Ward	No report or activity reported.
Ad-hoc Disability Awareness Subcommittee:	No report or activity reported.
Ad-hoc Bylaws Subcommittee: Cheryl Ward	Currently no action, still being reviewed by attorney. Members discussed that more revisions will need to be made if SEAC schedule of meetings occurs.
Ad-hoc Support and Recommendation Subcommittee: Rayna Amoreno	The SEAC 2013 Report and Recommendations will go before the School Board for June 4, 2013, at 6:00 p.m. Chairperson Hermann encouraged all members to be in attendance.
Ad-hoc Transportation Subcommittee	Transportation Subcommittee recommendations will be presented to the School Board on June 4, 2013.
Bullying and Anti- Harassment Policy Subcommittee	Allison Jordan to follow-up on a request to see if a SEAC member can serve on the divisions “ <i>Bullying and Anti-Harassment Committee</i> ” Ms. Jordan will get back with the committee.

SECEP Joint Board Meeting	Next Joint School Board meeting is scheduled for May 29, 2013.
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SEAC Representatives

VBCPS Transition Connection Committee Meeting	No report or activity reported.
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SECEP Joint Board Meeting

School Board Representative	Cheryl Ward attended the April 9, 2013 School Board meeting. The Board voted on a new Charter School.
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Old Business:

- **SEAC Schedule of Meetings** – Some members expressed concerns regarding the heavy schedule of monthly meeting being held, resulting in a lack of membership and a willingness to commit. After a lengthy discussion, the committee voted to eliminate holding meetings for the month of August and December. Carol Brubaker made the motion, Rayna Amoreno, seconded, Ayes 6, Nays 0, motion carries.
- Another motion was made by Rayna to eliminate having a meeting after the November fair; and to eliminate the April meeting due to spring break. Ping Camano seconded, Ayes 6, Nays 0, motion carries. Chairperson Hermann will adjust the October meeting so it does not fall on the holiday. At the June meeting copies of the meeting calendar will be available.
- Community Resource Fair Questionnaire Results: No report provided.

New Business

- **SEAC Election of Officers**
Committee voted on the new slate of officers. Ayes 6, Nays 0. Slate of officers approved for 13-14 SY.

Chair: Rayna Amoreno
Vice-Chair: Sandra Hermann
Secretary: Cheryl Ward

- **2013-2014 SEAC Meeting Presentation Topics/Areas of Interest**
Members discussed possible topics for next year. The following topics were discussed:
 - a. Transition to adulthood
 - b. Diploma Changes
 - c. Charter School
 - d. Family Assessment Planning Team / Comprehensive Services Act (FAPT/CSA)
 - e. Budget
 - f. Testing Accommodation

Reading and Approval of Minutes

- Cheryl Ward made a **motion** to approve April’s minutes with correction(s), **seconded** by Ping Camano, 6 Ayes - 0 Nays. Motion carries, minutes is approved.

Adjournment: There being no further business before the committee, Cheryl Ward made a **motion** to adjourn the meeting, **seconded** by Carol Brubaker, 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m. by Sandy Hermann.

Next SEAC Meeting: June 10, 2013 ■ 9:00 a.m. at Laskin Road Annex ■ Room 25