

Special Education Advisory Committee Virginia Beach Public Schools

June 8, 2009

Attendance

Present Members:	Joanna Bryant, Sandra Hermann, Kathy Major (DRS), Lisa Parker, Kara Russell, Marianne Stinson, Cheryl Ward
Absent Members:	Ping Camano, Beth Callahan (TCC), Patricia Davis & Sharon LaVier (DHS), Jan Solock, Carolyn Stark (P&R)
Consultants Present:	Norman Brown, Suzie Kumpf, Robert Mitchell (OPEC), Dr. Judith Green (SECEP)
Consultants Absent:	None
Guests:	Pat Edmonson, Veronica Ellis, Patrick Fuller
Quorum Present:	Yes

Welcome/Introductions

The meeting began with Sandy Hermann welcoming everyone present and calling for introductions.

Public Comment

None

Announcements

Organization	Event	More Info.
TASA	5K	Aug. 15/Oceanfront/8:00 a.m.
ECI	Pier Meeting	Sept. 19

Correspondence

None

Reports

Bob Mitchell/Daisy Woods OPEC	The parent information/fact booklet final edits were done. Sandy Hermann requested to look at them prior to mailing. Sandy will also email a copy to SEAC members for review. The Special Education audit update: Mr. Mitchell will present further updates at the August meeting.
VBDHS: VaBeach Infant Program & MR Dept	No report submitted.
TCC	No report submitted.
Carolyn Stark Parks & Recreation	No report submitted.

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Parent Resource Center	A grant application is available for the “We Promise Foundation” for anyone who is interested. NW Insurance Company sets up trust funds for people with disabilities. SEAC will invite them to participate in the next Resource Fair.
Doral Jackson Dept. of Rehab. Services	Category 1 remains open. There are no new PERT slots in Virginia Beach. A new transition counselor will be at Green Run High School. New hard of hearing/deaf counselor starts June 10.
Cheryl Ward Independence Center	Formal notice has not been given that the state regulations are final. Pier meetings will be shortened in the future – considering quarterly meetings due to low attendance. It was noted that polling sites need disability awareness. ECI is taking an active role by going to polling sites to create an awareness of needs for persons with disabilities.

SEAC Standing Subcommittees

Membership Subcommittee Chair: Kara Russell	The principal recruitment letters have not yet been distributed. Dr. Magula would like it to go out with the OPEC packets, to include SEAC brochures. Although people have expressed an interest in SEAC membership, follow through remains a problem.
Policy Review Subcommittee Chair: Sandy Hermann	There has been no policy review activity this month. No policies needing review.

SEAC Ad Hoc Subcommittees

By-Law Review Chair: Cheryl Ward	Preparing a presentation of the drafted by-laws for the August meeting. Cheryl will email the draft to SEAC members prior to the next meeting. SEAC members can email questions about the presentation to Cheryl.
SEAC Effectiveness Chair: Joanna Bryant	The Effectiveness Subcommittee will be distributing Parliamentary Procedures to SEAC members at the August meeting.
Minority Review Subcommittee Chair: Cheryl Ward	Needs to meet and set goals for next year. Student Performance Assessment is now part of the Minority Review Subcommittee (Dr. Cotton’s office does extensive data collection and review for students with disabilities pertaining to SOL passage rates). Discussion regarding the goals/function of student performance assessment.

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Annual Report Committee Chair: Sandy Hermann	No recent activity.
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Sandy recommended that all subcommittees have meetings over the summer to develop goals for next year. Members should send their ideas to the subcommittees as well.

SEAC Representatives

Va Beach Employment Transition Connection Representative(s)	The June meeting has been cancelled.
SECEP Joint Board Meeting Representative(s)	Dr. Green reported a brief meeting. A second review of the budget took place and the budget was approved.
School Board Representative	Norman Brown reported no recent issues were brought forth regarding students with disabilities.
VBCPS Curriculum for Students with Moderate to Severe Disabilities Committee SEAC Rep: Joanna Bryant	<p>The committee met on June 1.</p> <p>A curriculum used in Waco, Texas was brought forth for members to review and determine if it aligns with the ASOLs. The curriculum is known as the Functional Academic Curriculum for Exceptional Students (FACES). www.esc12.net/faces/documents/LanguageArts/default.html</p> <p>SEAC Discussion: To integrate more hands-on activities which reinforce academic skills into daily living and to have more resources available for staff.</p> <p>Pat Edmonson suggested information on this be brought to the attention of the School Board to better develop a solid idea of what is needed for students with disabilities. Pat and Sandy will discuss the subject to prepare information which can be presented to the School Board at a later date.</p> <p>Mr. Mitchell will be speaking with Dr. Magula and the auditors for clarification on what the auditor's suggestion was intended for regarding the identification of the need for a "functional curriculum" for students with disabilities.</p>

Old Business

- A. Transportation Presentation: SEAC is requesting a presentation for September.
- B. Parent Support and Information Center: Dr. Reid was hired for the position and will begin in July. Dr. Reid is the former Assistant Principal at Hermitage Elementary School. Dr. Reid will be attending the August SEAC meeting.
- C. Stimulus Funding Update: Ideas and input was generated from several entities including SEAC, central office, teachers, etc. OPEC is trying to assess common areas/ideas. Daisy will report back to SEAC on the various ideas that were generated.

New Business

- A. Marianne Stinson made a **motion** to nominate Joanna Bryant for SEAC Secretary for 2009-2010. A second was made by Kara Russell.

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- B. Kara Russell made a **motion** to nominate Lisa Parker for SEAC Secretary for 2009-2010. A second was made by Marianne Stinson.

SEAC Members voted for the 2009-2010 SEAC Secretary position. Joanna Bryant received a majority of the votes and will serve as the SEAC Secretary for the 2009-2010 school year

- C. Stimulus Funding Allocation Exercise Results: A handout was distributed to review the results from the SEAC exercise on allocation of stimulus funds. SEAC members identified the ideas that were most appropriate for stimulus funding usage.

Other Business:

- A. SEAC requested information on the electives offered to students attending the Renaissance Academy in order to examine the availability of obtaining a standard diploma. There is current planning for Renaissance Academy students to take electives and participate in intramural sports per Pat Edmonson.
- B. Concerns were raised regarding VAAP/SOL at the high school level. Some SEAC members feel that students are placed on an SOL track; however, they should be on a VAAP track.

Review of Public Comment:

No past month public comment.

No current month public comment.

Reading and Approval of the Minutes:

Corrections made to the May 2009 Draft minutes:

- ❖ Page 1: Attendance – Cheryl Ward was added as an absent member.
- ❖ Page 4: Old Business – Cheryl forwarded the transportation questions to Mr. Mitchell (not Mr. Crumb)

Meeting Adjourned

Next SEAC Meeting

August 10, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.

Special Education Annex, Room #25

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