

Special Education Advisory Committee

Virginia Beach Public Schools

Approved SEAC Minutes – June 14, 2010

Attendance

Present Members:	Joanna Bryant, Beth Callahan, Ping Camano, Deborah Dougherty, Sandra Hermann, Chereese Jenks, Sara MacDonald, Laura Moran, Lisa Parker, Kara Russell, Jan Solock, Carolyn Stark, Marianne Stinson, Jennifer Stratton, Dianna Swenson, Cheryl Ward,
Absent Members:	Rod Curry, Maureen Gibson, Bonita Lyman
Consultants Present:	Norman Brown, Dr. Judith Green, Suzie Kumpf, Robert Mitchell, Brenda Reid (OPEC), Eric Wijtmans
Consultants Absent:	
Guests:	Rayna Amoreno, Andrea Anderson, Wanda Byrd, Therese Drew MD, Wanda Byrd, Veronica Ellis, Tena Green, Donna Robel, Lisa Vega, Carolyn Weems (Board Member), Daisy Wood
Quorum Present:	Yes

Welcome/Introductions

The meeting began at 9:10 AM, with Sandy Hermann welcoming everyone present and calling for introductions.

Public Comment

There were four public comments—

- ✚ Dr. Therese Drew
- ✚ Erik Wijtmans
- ✚ Lisa Vega, all parties expressed their concerns about access to the BRIDGES program.
- ✚ Lisa Jenks wants to know the code for bullying in VBCPS, as her son is subjected to bullying and disrespect from other students.

<u>Announcements</u>	<p>SEAC member: Joanna Bryant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Saturday, August 21, 2010 the Autism Society presents Surfers healing 5-K at the Virginia Beach Oceanfront. A flyer was passed around to all members.▪ Care Connection for Children—Parents of children with special needs support group is sponsoring several meetings at the Independence Center Building. A flyer was passed around to all members.▪ Saturday, July 10, 2010, Norfolk State University Department of Special Ed will be sponsoring Autism Spectrum Disorders—Practical Ways to Identify and Engage. <p>SEAC member: Cheryl Ward</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ June 28, 2010 at 7:00 PM Independence Center will establish a Database waiver workshop. Please write or call Cheryl if you want to be added to the data base <p>Parks and Recreation: Carolyn Stark</p> <p>Registration for the summer program is as follows: 39 participants are now registered in the Youth Swim (1-17). 50 participants registered in the Camp-Explore (6-21), 14 participants registered in New venture (14-21), and 8</p>
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	participants are registered in the extended care (6-21).
<u>Correspondence</u>	None

Reports

Bob Mitchell/Daisy Woods OPEC	Mr. Mitchell announced his retirement for August 1, 2010 and commended the SEAC members for their hard work throughout the years he encouraged the board to persevere. Carolyn Weems <i>School Board</i> representative, thanked Mr. Mitchell for his years of service to VBCPS SPED, and for serving on the SEAC committee, she wished him best of luck and hope his retirement years will be great and restful.
VBDHS: VaBeach Infant Program & Dept	No activity was reported
Beth Callahan TCC	Beth Callahan reported that enrollment for the summer has increased.
Carolyn Stark Parks & Recreation	Therapeutic Recreation Programs are available throughout the summer. Vocational skills are being taught. Youth Swim (1-17) 39 participants enrolled, Adult swim (18+)12 participants enrolled), Swim, Stretch, Tone (Teen & Adult) 14 participants enrolled, Camp Explore (6-21) 50 enrolled New Ventures (14-21) 14, Extended Care (6-21) (Care after Camp Explore, 8 enrolled, with a waiting list for several programs. Also, e-newsletter is available on line. Surf Camp for age 6 – 35 at Pendleton Surfing Area, visit vbgov.com/park.fun@vbgov.com for more information
Parent Support and Information Center	<p>Dr. Reid reported that for May and June there were 143 calls made, 11 center visits, and 60 emails received in the center.</p> <p>Parent Support and Information Center Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Nine IEP, Eligibility or 504 meetings were held with parents ➤ Attended a regional parent resources center meeting at Tidewater Park ES ➤ Hosted a class entitled “Let’s Get Organized, and Data Collection and Record Keeping” for parent at Hermitage ES ➤ Hosted a meeting entitled “Understanding Your Child’s IEP Training” for parent, at the Laskin Road Annex. ➤ Prepared a PSIC display for the Parents Technology Night, held at Pembroke ES and the Community Resource Fair held at Bayside ES. ➤ Volunteered at the 2010 “Say Yes to College” a parent program held at Old Dominion University. ➤ Held two one hour sessions of Parent Happy Hour.
Kathy Major Dept. of Rehab. Services (DRS)	No activity was reported
Cheryl Ward Endeppendence Center	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cheryl announced that during the summer she will be working to develop PIER presentation schedule for the upcoming year. Members were asked to send her topics suggestions. ▪ Virginia will not be applying for Race To The Top (RTT) funding from the US Department of Education based on what Governor McDonnell identifies as conflicts with Virginia’s core standards and changes required by the

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Cheryl Ward Independence Center Cont'd.	<p>Department of Education.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ There is dissatisfaction with the critique of Virginia's performance/application for funds. Virginia's performance can be found on the US department of Education website at http://www2ed.gov/programs/racetothetop/phase1-applications/comments/virginia.pdf
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SEAC Standing Subcommittees

Membership Subcommittee Chair: Kara Russell	Kara Russell reminded Ping Camano and Marianne Stinson to get their reappointment letters turned in so they can be forwarded to the School Board.
Policy Review Subcommittee Chair: Sandy Hermann	The policy review committee met on May 5, 2010, and reviewed the administrative guidelines. The committee planned on meeting today (6/14/10) after the SEAC meeting. Daisy Wood informed the members that she wants to get inputs from some of the coordinators and hopefully have the new guidelines in all building by July 1, 2010.

SEAC Ad Hoc Subcommittees:

SEAC Effectiveness Chair: Joanna Bryant	Committee suggested that SEAC members look at draft officer job descriptions document for revisions, recommendations of change, and approval.
Minority Review Subcommittee Chair: Cheryl Ward	No activity was reported
Disability Awareness Subcommittee Cherese Jenks	Cherese attended the state SEAC meeting and addressed the SEAC members and states that she would like to see the history of disability taught in our schools as part of the standards of learning curriculum. She believes this will open doors for inclusion, compassion, communication and respect for our children with disabilities. To support this cause please go to: http://apps.facebook.com/causes/395159/97706668 . She recommends all members to visit Kathy Snow's website.
Annual Report Committee Chair: Sandy Hermann	A meeting will be scheduled during the summer and will have a report for the next SEAC meeting in August 9, 2011.
By-Law Review Chair: Cheryl Ward	Daisy reported that the bylaws are still with the attorney, she is reviewing and comparing the document, but promised it will be available for the next SEAC meeting in August. Cheryl Ward reinitiated that the bylaws were not sent to be compared with any other documents. Other members agreed.

SEAC Representatives

Va Beach Employment Transition Connection Representative(s)	No activity was reported
SECEP Joint Board Meeting Representative(s)	Dr. Green announced that a meeting was held in March, there is an increase in referral and that they have adopted the budgeted.
School Board Representative	No activity was reported

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VBCPS Curriculum for Students with Moderate to Severe Disabilities Committee SEAC Rep: Joanna Bryant	The Texas Curriculum link was sent to all SEAC members, electronically so they can review the curriculum. No further announcements
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Old Business

- A. SEAC Draft By-Laws – Should be available for the next SEAC meeting in August.

New Business

Extended School Year presentation: Daisy Wood

- A. Daisy Wood gave a short synopsis of a power point presentation on ESY. She informed the SEAC members that flyers about ESY are sent home each year during the month of February. One parent indicated she was unaware of ESY. There was a lengthy discussion re: ESY. It was suggested that for one of the evening meetings, there should be a table set up especially for ESY. Sandy informed the committee that any questions regarding ESY should be directed to Dr. Brenda Reid, since her office serves as a resource for parents.

Other Business

- A. The dates for next year’s SEAC meeting were distributed. Since October 11, 2011 is designated Columbus Day the meeting date was changed to October 4, 2011.
- B. One committee member asked if there was a specific policy for a SPED child who goes before the School Board for expulsion. Ms. Weems will notify the committee after her discussion with the other School Board Members.

Review of Public Comment:

- A. There was a lengthy discussion on the BRIDGES program. The committee believed that criteria for the program is not specific and requested a written guideline to identify:
 1. description of the program at length
 2. who is qualified for the program
 3. the acceptance criteria
 4. behavioral issues

Past Public Comment:

- A. As stated earlier, ESY presentation was given. Mr. Mitchell is in contact with Honey Lowe

Reading and Approval of the Minutes:

There was no reading of past month’s minutes.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:10 AM

Jan Solack made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Cherese Jenks. The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 PM.

Next SEAC Meeting

August 9, 2010 ■ 9:00 a.m. at the Special Education Annex, Room #25, ■
1413 Laskin Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23451 ■ (757) 263-2400