

**Special Education Advisory Committee
Virginia Beach City Public Schools
SEAC Draft Minutes – June 10, 2013**

Attendance

Members Present :	Rayna Amoreno, Carol Brubaker,, Sandy Hermann, Donna Robel, Cheryl Ward, Kara Russell
Members Absent:	Ping Camano, Melissa Barnett (DHS), Cherese Jenks, Carolyn Cox
Consultants Present:	Suzie Kumpf, Brenda Lenhart, Eileen Ouellette
Consultants Absent:	Rusty Fairheart-SECEP, Allison Jordan P, Daisy Wood
Guests:	Michael Comden, Veronica Ellis, Danielle Good, Frank Good, Todd Humphrey, Yolanda Jones-Howell, Cynthia Mosley, Michelle Redmond, Lee Woodward,
Quorum Present:	Yes

Welcome:

Chairperson Hermann convened the meeting at 9:05 a.m.

Introductions: Individual introductions were made for those present.

Adoption of Agenda: The Chair called for a motion to adopt the agenda **Motion:** Cheryl Ward - **Seconded** Carol Brubaker, Ayes 6, Nays 0. The agenda was adopted.

Public Comment

Two public comments were made by Mr./Mrs. Good, expressing concerns re: their son’s placement in a private school which focuses on behavior for the upcoming school year.

<u>Announcements</u>	None
<u>Correspondence</u>	Report and recommendation went before the School Board on June 4, 2013.

Reports

Dr. Daisy Wood / Allison Jordan OPEC	No activity reported
Melissa Barnett VBDHS	No activity reported.
Cheryl Ward Independence Center	Waiver workshops June 16 and June 22, 2013, at ECI. Call 461-8007 for more info or to register. Regulation change on regulations for restraint and seclusion for private school students has brought advocates around the state together to make public comment and make suggestions for revision. Virginia Department of Education has been very receptive to input and revised regulations will be presented to BOE for approval at their June 27 th meeting.
Dept. Parks & Rec. Carolyn Stark	No activity reported

Parent Support and Information Center Brenda Lenhart. & Eileen Ouellette	A report was distributed to all members present. The spring issue of the Dialogue is currently online. 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	No activity reported.
Membership Subcommittee Chair: Rayna Amoreno	A meeting will be scheduled this summer prior to our September 9 th SEAC meeting.

SEAC Standing Subcommittees

Policy Review Subcommittee Chair: Sandy Hermann	No report or activity reported. Policy is with School Board attorney for review.
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SEAC Ad-Hoc Subcommittees:

Ad-Hoc Effectiveness Chair:	No activity reported.
Ad-Hoc Student Performance Review Subcommittee: Cheryl Ward	Performance Indicators were released by the Virginia Department of Education on May 31, 2013. Initial review indicates Virginia Beach made progress. Sub-committee will review and report out to VB SEAC at next meeting. We suggest that the Performance Indicators be included as a topic for discussion/presentation at a future meeting in the upcoming school year.
Ad-hoc Disability Awareness Subcommittee:	No activity reported.
Ad-hoc Bylaws Subcommittee: Cheryl Ward	Bylaws sub-committee will need to review draft bylaws in order to suggest revisions to match the new meeting schedule that has been approved by VB SEAC.
Ad-hoc Report and Recommendation Subcommittee: Rayna Amoreno	Report and recommendation was sent to the School Board on June 4, 2013. Rayna Amoreno expressed thanks to those members who worked diligently on the report. Special thanks to those members who attended the board meeting.
Ad-hoc Transportation Subcommittee	No activity reported.
Bullying and Anti-Harassment Policy Subcommittee	Sandy Hermann reminded everyone that Allison Jordan is checking the possibility of a SEAC member serving on the division's Bullying and Anti-Harassment Committee.
SECEP Joint Board Meeting	No activity reported.

SEAC Representatives

School Board Representative	No activity reported.
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Old Business

- SEAC Schedule of Meetings:

Sandy Hermann distributed copies of the 2013-14 SEAC schedule of meetings to all members. After a brief discussion, Kara Russell made a motion to adopt the new schedule of meetings, seconded by Rayna Amoreno. 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carries.

- Community Resource Fair Questionnaire Results:

Several unsuccessful attempts were made to contact Cherese Jenks for the results. Further attempts will be made.

New Business

- Standard Based Grading:

Members expressed concern for more clarification on the standard based grading. Cheryl Ward recommended that the Standard Based Grading be added to the topics for discussion for next school year, and recommended it be addressed in the *Dialogue*.

- School Board Report and Recommendations:

Rayna Amoreno recommended Dr. Wood follow-up with the School Board and clarify sections of the report (State Performance, and disability categories).

Review of Public Comment

- Current Public Comment

The committee discussed the concerns of Mr./Mrs. Good and the need to know if a manifestation determination review (MDR) was followed. Members determined this was an individual issue and a decision was made to forward the letter to Dr. Wood for further action. Rayna Amoreno made the motion to forward the letter to Dr. Wood with a request for notification of any action taken by OPEC. Cheryl ward seconded, 6 Ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Discussion of public comment brought forward a suggestion to add MDR as another topic for a presentation at a future SEAC meeting.

Reading and Approval of Minutes

- Rayna Amoreno made a **motion** to approve February's minutes with no correction(s), **seconded** by Cheryl Ward, 5 Ayes - 0 Nays. Motion carries, February minutes were approved.

Adjournment: There being no further business before the committee, Cheryl Ward made a **motion** to adjourn the meeting, **seconded** by Carol Brubaker, 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m. by Sandy Hermann.

Next SEAC Meeting: September 3, 2013 ■ 9:00 a.m. at Laskin Road Annex ■ Room 25