

**Special Education Advisory Committee  
Virginia Beach City Public Schools  
SEAC Minutes – June 9, 2014**

**Attendance**

Members Present :	Rayna Amoreno, Carol Brubaker, Ping Camano, Carolyn Cox, Michelle Redmond, Donna Robel, Cheryl Ward, Lee Woodard
Members Absent:	Sandy Hermann, Todd Humphrey
Consultants Present:	Suzie Kumpf, Eileen Ouellette, Rusty Fairheart (SECEP)
Consultants Absent:	Melissa Barnett, Allison Jordan, Dr. Daisy Wood
Guests:	Chelsea McMurrin
Quorum Present:	Yes

**Welcome:**

Chairperson Amoreno welcomed attendees and called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m.

**Introductions:** Individual introductions were made by those present.

**Adoption of Agenda:** The agenda was adopted with no changes. **Motion:** Cheryl Ward – **Seconded:** Lee Woodard; Ayes 8, Nays 0, Abstentions 0.

**Public Comment**

One public comment was made by Suzie Kumpf regarding a difference of opinion between school staff and parents for the need of reevaluations to take place. She questioned whether there was Virginia Beach School policy that addressed this issue.

**Reading and Approval of Minutes:** Minutes were approved with one change noted. **Motion:** Cheryl Ward, **Seconded:** Carol Brubaker to accept minutes with change; Ayes 8, Nays 0, Abstentions 0. The minutes were approved.

<b><u>Announcements</u></b>	None
<b><u>Correspondence</u></b>	Rayna Amoreno received one email from member Todd Humphrey regarding his attendance for the meeting.

**Reports**

<b>Dr. Daisy Wood / Allison Jordan OPEC</b>	Eileen Ouellette announced graduations begin on Wednesday, the new superintendent starts on July 1, 2014, school administration changes have been announced and the training schedule for the summer is complete.
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<b>Parent Support and Information Center</b> <b>Eileen Ouellette</b>	Eileen Ouellette distributed handouts of upcoming Virginia Beach Public Library “Tour and Explore” event taking place over the summer and of a project sponsored by EVMS that is recruiting participants that have either a diagnosis of Autism or a diagnosis of Down syndrome and are between the ages of 18 and 25. The PSIC will be on summer hours and Eileen Ouellette will be at various trainings over the summer as well. Regular schedule will resume on August 21 <sup>st</sup> . Written report was submitted.
<b>SECEP</b>	Board meeting was held on 5/28/2014 and the budget was approved which included a 2% raise for staff but an elimination of 9 positions. Project SEARCH graduations were held, with 4 of the 7 graduates solidifying employment opportunities. Twelve students are enrolled in the program for next year. SECEP will be on a Monday through Thursday summer schedule until 8/15/2014. The next board meeting is October 8, 2014.
<b>Dept. Parks &amp; Rec. Carolyn Cox</b>	Carolyn Cox distributed program books and provided an update on summer camps as well as location change for Therapeutic Recreation. After the summer camps are completed, TR will be located at the Great Neck Recreation Center. Kempsville Recreation Center will be demolished and rebuilt. Written report was submitted.
<b>Endeppendence Center</b> <b>Cheryl Ward</b>	Brochures were distributed with information regarding two upcoming Medicaid Waiver workshops being held at the Endeppendence Center. The first will be on Monday, June 16 from 6:00 pm until 8:00pm. The second workshop will be held on Wednesday, June 25 <sup>th</sup> , from 9:30am until Noon.

**SEAC Standing Subcommittees**

<b>Policy Review Subcommittee</b> <b>Chair: Rayna Amoreno</b>	No activity reported.
<b>Membership Subcommittee Chair: Sandy Hermann</b>	Discussion regarding membership term lengths and recruiting efforts for new members. Advertising may be possible in Dialogue. Key issues identified are recruitment and retention of members.

**SEAC Ad-Hoc Subcommittees:**

<b>Ad-Hoc Effectiveness Chair:</b>	Ping Camano stated the committee is in the process of securing sites for evening meetings and resource fair. Process is ongoing.
<b>Ad-Hoc Student Performance Review Subcommittee: Suzie Kumpf</b>	No activity reported. Cheryl Ward will send SEAC members latest information on Performance Indicators released by Virginia Department of Education
<b>Ad-hoc Disability Awareness Subcommittee: Lee Woodard</b>	A meeting will be held over the summer for the committee to finalize recommended activities. Discussion of potential activities and ways to disseminate the information to schools took place.

<b>Ad-hoc Report and Recommendation Subcommittee: Michelle Redmond</b>	Discussion of time for report to be brought before the school board. Also discussed was the scheduling of a meeting with new superintendent. Carol Brubaker made a motion that SEAC invite the new superintendent to a “get to know you” function in the fall. Lee Woodard seconded. The motion was unanimously approved. Ayes 8, Nays 0, Abstentions 0
<b>Ad-hoc Transportation Subcommittee: Carolyn Cox</b>	Carolyn Cox reported a subcommittee meeting was held on 5/27/14 which lasted 2 hours. Minutes will be submitted. A short discussion regarding parking and accessible bathrooms took place.
<b>Bullying and Anti-Harassment Policy Subcommittee</b>	No activity reported.
<b>SECEP Joint Board Meeting</b>	See verbal report from Rusty Fairheart above.

**SEAC Representatives**

<b>School Board Representative</b>	No activity reported.
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**Review of Public Comment**

Comment was determined to an individual issue and referred to Eileen Ouellette for further consideration. Based on the discussion that ensued, a motion was made by Lee Woodard to add a question specific to evaluations to the questionnaire that is distributed at the resource fair. The motion was seconded by Cheryl Ward and approved. Ayes 8, Nays 0, Abstentions 0.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m. by Rayna Amoreno.

Next SEAC Meeting: September 8, 2014 ■ 9:00 a.m. at the Laskin Road Annex ■ Room 25