

**Special Education Advisory Committee
Virginia Beach Public Schools
August 11, 2008**

Attendance

Present Voting Members:	Joanna Bryant, Ping Camano, Sandra Hermann, Kathy Major, Jennifer McElwee, Lisa Parker, Kara Russell, Carolyn Stark, Marianne Stinson, Cheryl Ward
Absent Voting Members:	Tommy Billups, Honey Low, Jan Solock, Beth Callahan
Consultants Present:	Suzie Kumpf, Robert Mitchell, Ruth Page
Consultants Absent:	Norman Brown, Judith Green
Guests:	None
Quorum Present:	Yes

Welcome/Introductions

The meeting began at 9: 00 a.m. with Sandy Herman welcoming everyone present and calling for introductions.

Public Comment

No public comment submitted

Announcements

- ❖ The annual parent survey was sent out from the state and hopefully parents are returning the surveys.

Organization	Event	More Info.
ARC/Woodbridge	14 th Annual Circle of Support Conference	November 8
Ra'Gene Brittnae' Myrick Foundation		

Correspondence

None

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Reports

<p>Bob Mitchell OPEC</p>	<p>Gave a PowerPoint presentation on the recent audit which included commendations and recommendations. The full audit report can be found on the VBCPS website. MGT made the audit presentation to the School Board. Commendations noted in the report include (but are not exclusive) – the work of SEAC & special education busing. Recommendations include (but are not exclusive) – A reorganization of special education, implementation of a division wide PBS program, and conduct a data driven evaluation of inclusive education.</p>
<p>Jennifer McElwee VaBeach Infant & Toddler Program</p>	<p>Current Enrollment = 409 # Discharges June/July = 16 # Discharges enrolled in VBCPS = 0</p>
<p>TCC</p>	<p>No report given.</p>
<p>Carolyn Stark Parks & Recreation</p>	<p>Summer camp is complete and P&R is preparing for fall programs. Carolyn will forward the fall program information to committee members/consultants.</p> <p>Surf camp also successful.</p> <p>There will be a new fall program, “Just Wanna Dance” - Saturday, ages 4-8 & Wednesday, ages 9-15</p>
<p>Ruth Page Parent Resource Center</p>	<p>Calls: PRC received 100 calls during June/July</p> <p>Handouts: 1-Article about SECEP, 2-Ra’Gene Brittnae’ Myrick Foundation, 3-announcements, 4-Parent Guide to Special Education Dispute</p> <p>Attended: Prior Written Notice audio conference, VGLA scoring training, Families for a Lifetime meeting</p>
<p>Kathy Major Dept. of Rehab. Services</p>	<p>New Counselor hired, Kim Norvell</p> <p>Order of Selection still in place</p> <p>Larkspur Swim Club provides an adaptive swim program that begins Aug. 13th</p> <p>Handouts: 1-Info. Regarding the Louden Project, 2-announcement summary</p>
<p>School Board Report</p>	<p>None given</p>

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SEAC Standing Subcommittees

Membership Subcommittee Chair: Kara Russell	As stipulated in the By-laws, Kara Russell, newly appointed Vice-Chair of SEAC will serve as Chair of Membership Subcommittee. New SEAC members are needed. Kara will determine members interested in serving on Subcommittee and arrange a future meeting.
Policy Review Subcommittee Chair: Sandy Hermann	No policies reviewed.

SEAC Ad Hoc Subcommittees

Student Performance Assessment Chair: Cheryl Ward	Requested volunteers to serve on Committee for upcoming year.
SEAC Effectiveness Chair: Joanna Bryant	No activity
Deaf Community Chair: Lisa Parker	No activity
Minority Review Subcommittee Chair: Cheryl Ward	Requested volunteers to serve on Committee for upcoming year.
Annual Report Committee Chair: Sandy Hermann	Committee has completed report with the exception of minor corrections needed. Power point to be presented later in the meeting to Committee.
Nomination Committee	N/A

SEAC Representatives

Va Beach Employment Transition Connection Representative(s)	New committee members signed up
SECEP Joint Board Meeting Representative(s)	New committee members signed up

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Old Business

- A. Annual Report – Power Point version of Annual Report presented by Ad Hoc Annual Report Subcommittee. Discussion followed. Committee review brought forth several needed corrections and approval of power point format presented. Discussion regarding a report that was placed on August 19th School Board agenda without SEAC Committee, Annual Report Ad hoc Subcommittee, Mr. Mitchell, or Dr. Merrill’s knowledge.
 - 1. **A **motion** was made by Cheryl Ward to present the SEAC Annual Report prepared by the Annual Report Ad hoc Subcommittee at the second School Board meeting in September with corrections as noted by SEAC Committee. A second was made by Kara Russell. MOTION CARRIED

New Business

- A. SEAC Subcommittees - Sign-up list circulated
 - 1. ** A **motion** was made by Cheryl Ward to disband the Ad Hoc Subcommittee for transition. A second was made by Kara Russell. MOTION CARRIED
- B. SEAC meeting schedule distributed
- C. School Board meetings – Sign-up list circulated. Members need to sign up to attend School Board meetings throughout the year. Representatives at the school board meetings should report back on any relevant information pertaining to students with disabilities.
- D. Mr. Mitchell reviewed the results of the audit in the PowerPoint presentation/handout (see reports).
- E. Proposed Special Education Regulations will be available for public review 5-7 days prior to September Board of Education meeting by accessing their website agenda. If there are 25 or more people with concerns then there will be another brief comment period.

Other Business

List distributed for potential meeting presentations throughout the year.

Review of Public Comment:

Current Month - No public comment for review

Past Month – No public comment for review

Reading and Approval of the Minutes:

June 2008 minutes not submitted for review – no reading & approval

Meeting Adjourned

Cheryl Ward made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Second made by Joanna Bryant. Meeting adjourned.

Next SEAC Meeting

September 8, 2008 – 9:00 a.m.

Laskin Road/Special Education Annex -1413 Laskin Road, Rm 25, Virginia Beach, VA (757) 263-2400