

**Special Education Advisory Committee**  
**Virginia Beach City Public Schools**  
 Approved SEAC Minutes – August 8, 2011

**Attendance**

Present Members:	JoAnna Bryant, Ping Camano, Deb Dougherty, Sandy Hermann, Cheresse Jenks
Absent Members:	Rayna Amoreno, Jan Solock, Sara MacDonald, Cheryl Ward, Kara Russell, Carolyn Stark, Rod Curry, Melissa Barnett, Beth Jones
Consultants Present:	Suzie Kumpf, Dr. Brenda Reid, Dr. Daisy Wood, Allison Jordan, Jennifer Stratton
Consultants Absent:	
Guests:	Peaches Ellis, Patty Hawkins, Kalen Jenks, Rhiley Jenks, Shayden Jenks, Bryan Layton, Maria Neidrick, Jim Redick, Donna Robel, Tony Gonzales, Jay Sharp
Quorum Present:	No

**Welcome/Introductions**

The meeting commenced at 9:10 AM, with Sandy Hermann welcoming everyone present, following an individual introduction.

**Public Comment**

There was no public comment

<b><u>Announcements</u></b>	The Autism Society is sponsoring a workshop presented by Jose Martinez-Diaz on October 13 and 14, The contact number is (757) 461-4474 or visit their website at <a href="http://www.tidewaterasa.org">www.tidewaterasa.org</a> . Also, Saturday August 27, at the AMC theatres, there will be a Sensory-Friendly showing of “Spy Kids 4 All the Time in the World”. See flyer for more information.
<b><u>Correspondence</u></b>	None received.

**Reports**

<b>Dr. Daisy Wood, OPEC</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Dr. Wood reported to the committee that the Office of Programs for Exceptional Children has completed the organizational process inclusive of six zones Pre-school – 12 grade. This organization includes all feeder schools, elementary, middle and high schools collaborating together. Two new coordinators were hired. A total of fourteen coordinators will be on board after the hiring process is completed.</li> </ul> <p>Stimulus Funds were used to purchase new technology equipment. All elementary classrooms are currently furnished with <i>Smart Boards</i>, <i>lap top carts</i>, and <i>Promethean Boards</i>. Additional technology will be purchased, and the focus will be on secondary schools. Other materials will include <i>I-pad’s</i> along with five other programs in an effort to accommodate every child needs. The one program fits all is not the ideal approach, each child will be targeted by</p>
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	their needs. During the month of October training will be in place to help teachers with these new technologies.
<b>Dept. Parks and Rec. Carolyn Stark</b>	No report/activity reported.
<b>Parent Support and Information Center Dr. Brenda Reid</b>	Dr. Brenda Reid distributed a copy of her report for the month of June, July and August. Highlights of the summer month activities are PSIC back-to-school workshops scheduled for August 17 at the Virginia Beach Central Library beginning at 6:30 p.m. PEATC will present a Lunchtime Learning Series, on-line webinars for parents and professionals. Other events are scheduled: PTA open house meeting scheduled for September 20, Standard-Based IEP training, scheduled for October. For more information please contact Dr. Reid at 263-2066 or by email <a href="mailto:Brenda.Reid@vbschools.com">Brenda.Reid@vbschools.com</a> .
<b>Dept. of Rehab. (DRS)</b>	No report/activity reported.
<b>Cheryl Ward Independence Center</b>	No report/activity reported.
<b>VBDHS: VaBeach Infant Program &amp; Dept Melissa Barnett</b>	No report/ activity reported.
<b>Jennifer Stratton C&amp;I</b>	No report/ activity reported.

**SEAC Standing Subcommittees**

<b>Membership Subcommittee Chair: Kara Russell</b>	No report / activity reported.
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<b>Policy Review Subcommittee Chair: Sandy Hermann</b>	No report/activity reported.
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**SEAC Ad Hoc Subcommittees:**

<b>SEAC Effectiveness Chair: JoAnna Bryant</b>	No report/activity reported.
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<b>Minority Review Cheryl Ward</b>	No report/activity reported.
<b>Disability Awareness Subcommittee Cherese Jenks</b>	Cherese Jenks – A meeting is scheduled for the last week in August, no date has been established. A suggestion was made to edit the information that is currently posted to the intranet. It is easily accessible for principals to access by clicking the mouse. Daisy indicated in the coming weeks a memo will be sent through the principals’ packet to remind them that October is “Disability Awareness Month.
<b>Annual Report Committee Chair: Sara MacDonald</b>	No report/activity reported.
<b>Transportation Subcommittee Carolyn Stark</b>	In the absence of Carolyn Stark, Sandy Hermann announced that the committee met, and discussions were based on integrating People First Language throughout the manuals and revisions necessary as identified by the subcommittee. Dr. Wood, Dr. Reid and Allison Jordan will be working with transportation to make suggested changes in the Manuals. A long term plan for training will be in effect to meet the needs for everyone. The meeting will be scheduled around the time frame of August 15 <sup>th</sup> with the transportation staff and OPEC. Training for bus drivers is also planned. Ms. Jordan notified the committee that training is always conducted for all special education bus drivers. She also indicated that the August 10th AP mandatory training—a part of the training will focus on “How to share confidential information”, which will trigger down to the bus drivers.
<b>Inclusion Subcommittee</b>	Sandy indicated a need for a meeting to be scheduled soon based on School Board training sessions and meetings. Cherese believed nothing was done because no one was selected to head the committee. She volunteered to head the meeting until they met and selected a Chair. Suzie Kumpf volunteered to serve on this committee as well. Sandy asked that an email be sent to all SEAC members after a date has been established.

**SEAC Representatives**

<b>VBCPS Transition Advisory Committee Meeting (JoAnna Bryant/Kara Russell)</b>	No report/activity reported. JoAnna announced that the first meeting is scheduled for October.
<b>SECEP Joint Board Meeting Representative(s)</b>	No report/activity reported.

<b>VBCPS Curriculum for Students with Moderate to Severe Disabilities Committee SEAC Rep: JoAnna Bryant</b>	Jennifer notified the committee that Wayne Varney recently had a meeting; however, she was unable to attend due to another engagement. A lengthy discussion was on TTAC curriculum, but later proved that they only offer as resources. Dr. Wood brought some clarity to this curriculum issue which has been on-going for some time. She indicated that VBCPS has a wonderful and extensive curriculum for general education. She believes that instead of purchasing new sets of curriculum for moderate to severe
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	disabilities, we should target general education, look at the Asol's and incorporate resources to modify and tailor to the needs of the children, instead of reinventing a new curriculum. We can begin with a committee and consult with TTAC.
<b>School Board Representative</b>	No report/activity reported.

**OLD Business** - None

**New Business**

There was a presentation given by Jay Sharp, representative from George Mason University, and Tony Gonzalez from Special Education Annex, OPEC. The presentation was on Accessible Instructional Materials (AIM). The goal is to educate committee members about instruction materials available to students who are on an IEP and 504 plan, and indicated a need for alternate formats of printed materials. Ms. Sharp reiterated there were 15 different formats of materials available, and materials can be ordered and obtained anytime during the school year. For further information about AIM-VA, please contact their Help Desk/Library: Phone: 703-993-5149, 866-926-1879 or by email: [aimva@gmu.edu](mailto:aimva@gmu.edu). The presentation was very informative.

**Other Business** - None

**Review of Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

Cherese moved to approve June minutes with correction, Ping Camano seconded. The meeting was adjourned by Sandy Hermann at 11:40 AM.

Next SEAC Meeting: September 12, 2011 ■ 9:00 a.m. at the Special Education Annex, Room 25