

**Special Education Advisory Committee
Virginia Beach Public Schools**

October 6, 2008

Attendance

Present Voting Members:	Joanna Bryant, Beth Callahan, Ping Camano, Patricia Davis, Honey Low, Kara Russell, Jan Solock, Carolyn Stark, Marianne Stinson, Cheryl Ward
Absent Voting Members:	Tommy Billups, Sandra Hermann, Lisa Parker, DRS Representative
Consultants Present:	Norman Brown, Judith Green, Suzie Kumpf, Robert Mitchell, Ruth Page
Consultants Absent:	None
Guests:	Sara MacDonald, Dan Edwards, Rev. Marlo Dean, Kathleen Green
Quorum Present:	Yes

Welcome/Introductions

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

Public Comment

- ❖ Sara MacDonald presented public comment on behalf of concerned SECEP parents regarding the delay in OT services for SECEP students while students in the same school building that are not enrolled in SECEP are receiving OT services.

Announcements

Organization	Event	More Info.
T-TAC	Various staff development trainings	Ttac.odu.edu
T-TAC	Augmentative & Alternative Communication & Floortime ...	Oct. 27 8:30-4:00 683-4333
Learning Disabilities Association of Virginia	Learning Disabilities of Virginia 2008 Conference	Oct. 18: Holiday Inn Central, Richmond 540-775-7947
The Virginia Transition Forum Youth & Family Committee	2 nd Annual Self-Determination Youth Summit and the Virginia Transition Forum	March 16-18, 2009 Norfolk Marriot Waterside 540-831-6263
VCU	College 4 U	Dec. 6 www.vacollegequest.org
TASA/461-4474	Dr. Sundberg: Verbal Behavior	Oct 7 & 8/Virginia Beach, \$125
Independence Center/PIER	Pier Meeting: Updates on the Regulatory Process	Oct. 18 461-8007

Correspondence

None

Reports

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<p>Bob Mitchell OPEC</p>	<p>Mr. Mitchell gave a powerpoint presentation of the updates on the audit and how administration responded to the audit. (Distributed handout). Discussion brought forth the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. RTI, Behavior Specialist Training, and Inclusion Support should be topics of discussion and be placed on future SEAC agendas to gain additional knowledge and clarification of the current practices and goals. 2. Written inclusion plans are required from each school and the inclusion teacher should have certification to teach special education. Difficulty may occur for students in technological programs that do not offer the inclusion option. 3. The least restrictive environment is a priority which may or may not incorporate inclusion. The need for a least restrictive environment and/or inclusion is dependent upon each student's individual needs.
<p>VBDHS: VaBeach Infant Program & MR Dept</p>	<p>Infant Program: Current Enrollment = 248 # Discharges September = 28 # Discharges enrolled in VBCPS = 11 (6 of those age 3)</p>
<p>TCC</p>	<p>Spring registration begins November 10, 2008 ; classes begin January 12, 2009.</p> <p>Correspondence between TCC and all VBCPS Transition Specialists has taken place. One student from Landstown High School has met with Beth at TCC.</p> <p>Amerigroup is interviewing and hiring students who are close to graduation.</p>
<p>Carolyn Stark Parks & Recreation</p>	<p>Fall programs began: 50 swimmers; 12 in MS/HS afterschool program; 3 in ES afterschool program.</p> <p>Just Wanna Dance began with two groups, a younger age group and an older age group.</p> <p>Tumble, Jump and Roll began for the younger age group (4-8); there is no current Tumble, Jump & Roll for older children</p> <p>Winter/Spring registration will be Monday January 5, 2009 at 8:00 a.m.</p> <p>Early Bird camp registration will be February 28, 2009 from 1-3 p.m. at Kempsville Rec Center.</p> <p>The January swim class will be held at Bow Creek on Saturdays .</p>
<p>Ruth Page Parent Resource Center</p>	<p>Calls: PRC received 87 calls during September Displays: Hermitage Elementary Safety Symposium & Plaza Middle School</p> <p>Melissa McQuarrie, Director of Community Relations, is spearheading the VBCPS Parent Involvement Initiative to increase parent involvement in the schools. The program is similar to one offered in Miami Dade County, Florida which is a great resource on</p>

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	parent involvement.
Kathy Major Dept. of Rehab. Services	No report
Cheryl Ward Independence Center	HandiRide is revising their services and is looking to start shuttle services which may pose problems for people with disabilities. The details have not yet been worked out. The State Board of Education approved the state proposed regulations in September and another comment period will be held if there are 25 or more requests. A Candidates Forum hosted by 12 disability organizations will be held on Friday, October 10, 2008 from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Independence Center. Cheryl will send out ADA information/updates.

SEAC Standing Subcommittees

Membership Subcommittee Chair: Kara Russell	Kara will be calling Ping to discuss membership concerns
Policy Review Subcommittee Chair: Sandy Hermann	No report/no policies were reviewed during this month

SEAC Ad Hoc Subcommittees

Student Performance Assessment Chair: Cheryl Ward	Cheryl is no longer going to serve on this committee. Honey Low has offered to take Cheryl's place as Chairperson of the subcommittee
By-Law Chair:	Kara offered two different dates/times for the subcommittee members to meet - October 15 at 9:00 a.m. & October 17 at 9:00 a.m. Subcommittee members agreed to meet on October 15 at 9:00 a.m.
SEAC Effectiveness Chair: Joanna Bryant	Will be meeting today after the SEAC meeting
Deaf Community Chair: Lisa Parker	No report
Minority Review Subcommittee Chair: Cheryl Ward	Met last month and developed goals. They will be conducting business via email

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Annual Report Committee Chair: Sandy Hermann	No report
Nomination Committee	No activity/no report

SEAC Representatives

Va Beach Employment Transition Connection Representative(s)	Honey will be attending a meeting this week and will send a report to Sandy and Marianne
SECEP Joint Board Meeting Representative(s)	The first meeting of the year is scheduled for October 8, 2008. Marianne will be attending.
School Board Representative	Many SEAC members were present. The SEAC Annual Report was presented and received well. Of interest, The Gifted Advisory Committee has disagreed with changes in policy coming from the State.

Old Business

- A. SEAC Meet & Greet – Scheduled for October 28 at the Central Library/Folio Room from 5:30-8:00. The Effectiveness Subcommittee will be sending email regarding the specifics of the Meet and Greet.
- B. SEAC Resource Fair – The Effectiveness Subcommittee will be discussing the specifics of the Resource Fair and assigning responsibilities. Since there will be only a brief meeting, all reports need to be written and submitted to the SEAC Secretary (Marianne).

New Business

- A. The TCC Representative, Beth Callahan, has submitted a letter for membership. Eligible committee members voted on the membership letter. The vote was unanimous in favor of the TCC appointment.
- B. Daisy Woods presented an update on the Annual Performance Report data/20 Indicators in Special Education. Discussion brought forth the following points of interest:
 - Only two preschool classrooms are currently participating in the “reverse mainstreaming/integrated preschool”
 - More behavior problems have been noted in preschool students
 - Parent surveys were sent by the State Department of Education, however many were returned in the mail throughout the entire state
 - Vice Principals have a checklist to assess if a new student has a disability or if the student presents differently due to frequent moves, having English as a second language or other circumstance.
 - A one year follow-up consisting of 656 surveys/phone calls were made for students who left high school to assess their post high school status (employment, additional schooling, etc.)

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Other Business

None

Review of Public Comment:

- ❖ Current Month: Discussion was held regarding the shortages of OT services throughout Hampton Roads and other areas. Currently there are contracts with organizations to provide OT services to students. Mr. Mitchell and Dr. Green will work together to address the issue of OT services for SECEP students in VBCPS. Mr. Mitchell and/or Dr. Green will contact Sara MacDonald who submitted public comment on behalf of concerned SECEP parents.
- ❖ Past Month: Resolutions of past month public comment are as follows:
 1. Honey Low removed her recommendation for the resignation of three SEAC members
 2. The Ad Hoc Bylaw Subcommittee was formed and called forth to review SEAC Bylaws

Reading and Approval of the Minutes:

Discussion regarding a correction to the September draft minutes. Under New Business letters A. & B., Ruth Page noted that announcements for the Meet & Greet and the Resource Fair are included in the draft version of the Dialogue and are not separate flyers to be sent with the Dialogue.

** A **motion** was made by Honey Low to approve the September 2008 draft minutes with the noted changes. A second to the motion was made by Jan Solock. **MOTION CARRIED**

Meeting Adjourned

Next SEAC Meeting

November 17, 2008 – 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

SEAC Resource Fair/Meeting to follow

Landstown High School, 2001 Concert Drive, Virginia Beach, VA (757) 263-2400