

**Special Education Advisory Committee
Virginia Beach City Public Schools
SEAC Minutes – November 5, 2012**

Attendance

Members Present :	Sandy Hermann, Rayna Amoreno, Cherese Jenks, Carol Brubaker, Ping Camano, Deb Dougherty, Donna Robel, Kara Russell, Cheryl Ward, JoAnna Bryant
Members Absent:	VBDHS, Carolyn Stark
Consultants Present:	Allison Jordan, Brenda Lenhart, Eileen Ouellette, Carolyn Weems
Consultants Absent:	Dr. Wood, Rusty Fairheart, Suzie Kumpf,
Guests:	Cynthia Gossman, Debbie Markey, Lynn Orrell, Marygrace Estrada, Anne Settlemoyer, Kysha Howell, Anna Walker, Ann Abraham, Sherry Tiaba, Paul Hughes, Ruth Angulo
Quorum Present:	Yes

Welcome/Introductions:

Chairperson Hermann convened the meeting at 8:41PM. Individual introductions were made around the room and guests were welcomed. Sandy Hermann requested that in the essence of time due to the hour and the Disability Resource fair, all reports be withheld unless something urgent is pending report.

Adoption of Agenda: The Chair called for a motion to adopt the agenda.

Motion: Cheryl Ward Seconded **by:** Carol Brubaker **Aye:** 9 **Nay:** 0—motion carried, the agenda is adopted.

Public Comment

Hearing no public comment Sandy Hermann proceeded with the agenda asking members to hold reports, unless they are time sensitive, until the next meeting in the essence of time due to the hour and short meeting as a result of the disability resource fair.

<u>Announcements</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Parent Support and Information Center will be conducting a public training on Inclusion December 1st at 2:00PM at the Central Library. - Eileen Ouelette shared information regarding TOPPS soccer.
<u>Correspondence</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sandy Hermann indicated she received several e-mails and phone calls from vendors and attendee’s regarding the SEAC Resource Fair. - There was additional correspondence regarding Disability History and Awareness Month.

Reports

All reports deferred until December 10, 2012 meeting with the exception of the following:

SEAC Standing Subcommittees

<p>Membership Subcommittee Chair: Rayna Amoreno</p>	<p>There will be an upcoming membership subcommittee meeting to be announced at a later date to review application for membership.</p>
<p>Disability Awareness Subcommittee Chair: Cheresse Jenks</p>	<p>Cheresse Jenks announce there has been a lot of participation in Disability History and Awareness Month. One success being approximately 250 entries in the People First Language Bookmark contest. She outlined the efforts made toward the success of celebrating Disability History and Awareness Month in Virginia Beach City Public Schools.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Resolution 321 was read at the October 2nd school board meeting declaring October as Disability History and Awareness Month. The Beacon featured a story on this. ➤ VBCPS adopted the People First Language theme, division wide. ➤ Morning announcements, activities and contests proposed by the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) were made available to school systems on the intranet and to the public on the Parent Support and Information Center web page. ➤ City-wide People First Language bookmark contest for ALL students grades K-12 started October 8, 2012. Sponsored by national speaker, Kathie Snow, with Disability is Natural. ➤ Student work from bookmark contest will be on display at SEAC Vendor Resource Fair for the public to vote for the semi-finalists. ➤ Press release regarding the People First Language bookmark contest posted on the VBCPS web site. ➤ Press release regarding the SEAC Disability Resource Fair with additional information about the People First Language bookmark contest posted on the VBCPS web site. ➤ SEAC had a DHAM presentation by the Youth Leadership Forum to discuss their efforts to pass Resolution 321 declaring October Disability History and Awareness Month in October. ➤ SEAC presentation on People First Language at an evening meeting open to the public. All Special Education Coordinators will be invited to this meeting. ➤ SEAC presentation on Disability History at an evening meeting open to the public. All Special Education Coordinators will be invited to

this meeting.

- DHAM PSA's shown at a SEAC Meet and Greet, open to the public.
- SEAC DHAM presentation, in the form of public comment, at the October 2nd, school board meeting which was open to the public.
- Principal's memo sent to all schools announcing October as DHAM with links to activities and resources provided by SEAC and the Department of Education on DHAM.
- Principal's memo announcing the People First Language bookmark contest along with forms for participation sent to all schools.
- People First Language pledge forms will be made available to guests of the SEAC Disability Resource Fair.
- Superintendent's report will feature photos of DHAM participation, division wide.
- School's across the division posted messages on their marquee's announcing October as Disability History and Awareness Month.
- School's across the division read morning announcements on disability history.
- Principal's to include information about DHAM in staff newsletters.
- At the October 16th, school board meeting, which was televised and open to the public, School Board Member, Carolyn Weems, discussed October as Disability History and Awareness month. She shared the events planned throughout Virginia Beach and announced the upcoming Disability Resource Fair.
- In addition to recommended activities schools were encouraged to develop their own ideas.

These are examples of what some schools have come up with:

- Lynnhaven Middle School's National Junior Honor Society students started a program to read two books a week to students with intellectual disabilities. They visit classrooms each week to share their love of reading.
- 4th and 5th graders at Princess Anne Elementary are participating in a lunch book club read "Out of My Mind" to further their knowledge of Cerebral Palsy. Michelle Majority, Executive Director from the

	<p>Cerebral Palsy of Virginia, came out to talk about Cerebral Palsy and to do an activity with the children.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Kemps Landing Magnet School in celebration of DHAM hosted the East Coast Crippleers basketball team for an exhibition match. This story was featured in the Beacon. http://hamptonroads.com/2012/10/east-coast-cripplers-are-athletes-first ➤ Kempsville High School teachers showed students a story without words about a soldier who lost two legs and an arm in the war. It showed his recovery, support and marriage. Afterward, a staff member, who uses a prosthetic, came in and had a discussion with the class allowing them to ask questions. ➤ Kemps Landing taught students about People First Language with an invited speaker.
<p>Inclusion Subcommittee Chair: Rayna Amoreno</p>	<p>Meeting scheduled for 2pm on December 1, 2012 at Virginia Central Library.</p>

OLD Business

None

New Business

- **Community Resource Fair:** Sandy Hermann identified there were 99 confirmed vendors participating in the SEAC Community Resource Fair which sent 154 reps this evening.
- Cherese Jenks offered to prepare a recap of the surveys.

Other Business

- November 29th there will be a Smart Goals training to answer questions regarding IEP's.
- PLAAF training is scheduled for teachers.

Review of Public Comment

Current Public Comment: None

Past Month Public Comment:

Susie Kumpf on PLAAF - SEAC has requested the division provide a copy of the transition questionnaire. OPEC is still researching this document. This will be discussed further at the December meeting.

Sherry Tiaba on Bible – No formal review was done however, Cheryl Ward indicated researching this by contacting the school involved in this public comment. The school had been contacted by 6 parents. Those parents received the following information: The Gideon's had requested permission from the City of Virginia Beach to stand on public property and distribute bibles. The City of Virginia Beach issued the Gideon's a letter

with approval to stand on public property 25' back from the school. The Gideon's informed the school of their presence, in advance. The school sent teachers out to ensure students safety during dismissal. The Gideon's were not standing in the woods but, were adjacent to school property where they distributed bibles to students who wanted one. With this being an approved activity by the City of Virginia Beach, and because it did not specifically target students with disabilities, SEAC felt this was not a global special education concern therefore, no action was required. Additional concerns were previously addressed.

Reading and Approval of Minutes

Motion: Rayna Amoreno motioned to approve October minutes. **Seconded by:** Cherese Jenks **Aye:** 9 **Nay:** 0. October's minutes were approved without corrections.

Adjournment: There being no further business before the committee, Sandy Hermann moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 PM.

Next SEAC Meeting: December 10, 2012 ■ 9:00 a.m. at the Special Education Annex, Room 25