

**Special Education Advisory Committee Minutes
Virginia Beach Public Schools
December 10, 2007**

Attendance

Present Voting Members:	Jennifer McElwee, Deirdre Fisher, JoAnna Bryant, Lisa Parker, Jan Solock, Cheryl Ward, Honey Low, Marian Sanders, Carolyn Stark, Roncia Henry
Absent Voting Members:	Tommy Billups, Helen Burroughs, Paige Shaw, Ping Camano, Desiree Polk-Bland, Kara Russell, Samantha Gregg, Sandy Hermann, Marianne Stinson
Consultants:	Ruth Page, Dr. Judith Green, Suzie Kumpf
Guests:	Susan Jubilee, Jessica Rhea, Debi C. Evans, Jill Burton, Claudette Dorn, Amy Carter, Lindi Brown, Ann Mejis, Kristen Santianni-Green
Quorum Present:	Yes.

1. Welcome/Introductions:

The meeting began at 9:06 am with Chairperson Honey Low welcoming everyone present and asking for individual introductions.

2. Public Comment:

Jan Solock gave public comment regarding a letter from SECEP dated November 29, 2007, stating that students including her son were not currently receiving Speech Therapy due to a national shortage of Speech Therapist.

3. Announcements:

Organization	Event		More Info:
PIER	Jan 12 th	Dr. Judith Green SECEP will be present to answer questions.	Cheryl Ward 461-8007
PRC	Jan 17 th	IEP Writing Workshop	Ruth Page PRC 263-2066
	Jan. 30 th	Effective Communication between Home and School	
	Feb. 5 th	Handling Homework	
	Feb. 6 th	IEP Writing Workshop	
	July 14-18	2008 Youth Leadership Forum	Christopher Newport Univ.
Cerebral Palsy of VA	Jan 19 th	Norfolk Admirals	
	Feb. 23 rd	Ringling Brothers	
Goodwill Industries		Equipment availability	

4. Correspondence:

Memo	From Doug Cox regarding Procedural Safeguards Document revisions.
	Top Ten Things Parent Should Know about the Draft Virginia Special Education Regulations.
	Dialogue Fall/Winter 2007

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5 Reports:

Bob Mitchell, OPEC	No report given.	
Jennifer McElwee Va Beach Infant Program/Case Management	Current Enrollment	330
	Total # of Discharges in November	12
	# discharged in October who will attend VB preschools	3
	# of those children who were 3 yo	1
	# of children enrolled currently in the VB preschool referral process	
	Total # of children entering VB schools since July 2007 for 2007/2008	34
	Of the Total #, those who were 3 yo	15
Desiree Polk-Bland Tidewater Community College	No report given. Ruth Page stated that Ms. Polk-Bland may not be at TCC anymore. We need to contact Linda Harris to see who her replacement will be.	
Carolyn Stark Dept of Parks and Recreation	Jan. 5 th 9 to 5 at Kempsville Rec is the Winter Registration.	
Ruth Page, Parent Resource	September 2007	87 calls
	Attended	Autism Workshop Carol Schall
		Twice Exceptional Meeting
		Kellam HS Transition Planning Inservice
		Annual CHADD conference summary presentation sponsored by VB Psychiatric Ctr
	Presentations	TCC Introduction to Exceptional Education class
the IEP Writing Workshop		
	Provided display for SEAC Community Fair	
Ronica Henry DRS	Received numerous phone calls from parents who attended the SEAC Resource Fair mainly dealing with the procedure for eligibility to receive services. Receiving referrals from their schools. Bayside's referrals have picked up considerably. The Transition Forum is scheduled for March 17 th -19 th in Roanoke, VA. This year is Youth Driven Transition: A Roadmap to Success. The order of selection meaning only Category I is open is still in place. There has been no word of any change at this time. <i>Cheryl Ward asked that DRS provided the forms with the number of each school referrals and number of phone calls.</i>	

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6. SEAC Sub-Committees/Representatives/School Board Reports

Membership Subcommittee Sandy Hermann	Proposed changes to SEAC's Bylaws regarding the attendance policy were discussed. The Proposed changes will be voted on at our January meeting. Letter dated December 10 th to the School Board members regarding member with excessive absences be removed.
Policy Review Subcommittee Sandy Hermann	No report given
Student Performance Assessment Deirdre Fisher	Deirdre Fisher attended the School Board meeting on December 4, 2008 to hear Dr. Cotton report on the 2006-2007 SOL test results.
SEAC Effectiveness JoAnna Bryant	Review of Community Fair and Meet & Greet.
Deaf Community Lisa Parker	Ms. Low signed letter related to closed captioned for the school board as well as city. Ms. Parker is organizing a meeting where she can meet with deaf children and their parents to discuss any issues as well as provide support.
Minority Review Subcommittee Cheryl Ward	They have established their goals for their subcommittee. Ms. Ward will email them to all the SEAC members.
VB Employment Transition Connection Committee	No report given.
SECEP Joint Board Meeting Marianne Stinson	No report given. SECEP Joint Board Meeting dates are January 23 rd , April 9 th and May 28 th .
School Board Report	No report given.

8. Old Business

Diversity Training is scheduled for January 2008 meeting from 10:00 to 12:00 Ruth Page suggested sending out RSVP for this presentation.

Chairperson Low requested again that all subcommittee established goals and shared them with the SEAC membership.

9. New Business

Claudette Dorn presented Virginia Beach Education Association. The National Education Association is the largest labor organization in the US representing teachers, staff, and other employees.

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Jill Burton and Debi C. Evans presented on Virginia Beach Psychiatric Center. Virginia Beach Psychiatric Center has a Mobile Assessment Team.

Chairperson Honey Low setup an Ad Hoc Bylaw committee with Lisa Parker as the chairperson.

10. Reading and Approval of the Minutes:

JoAnna Bryant made a motion for the November minutes to be approved as read (with the correction of the date of the meeting) that was second by Deirdre Fisher. Motion carried.

12. Meeting Adjourned

Meeting adjourned at 12:01 pm.

Next SEAC Meeting: December 10th

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When: January 14, 2008, 9:00 am

Location: Laskin Road Annex

Prepared by: Jan Solock