

**Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting  
 Wednesday, March 17, 2021  
 Virtual Meeting via Zoom Webinar  
 7:00-9:00 pm**

**Meeting Host: Susan Neilson, School Board Clerk**

**MINUTES**

The Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) was convened for a meeting at 7:04 P.M. on February 17, 2021 by Chair Cindy Hart. Roll call was taken.

In accordance with the provisions of the Code of Virginia § 2.2-3707, the meeting was open to the public.

	Name	Role	Present	Not Present
SEAC Members				
	Cindy Hart	Chair	X	
	Michael Behrman	Vice-chair	X	
	Coral Childs	Co-secretary	X	
	Abena Durity	Co-secretary	X	
	Janet Eissenstat	Member	X	
	Laura Fontaine	Member	X	
	Lauren Golovski	Member	X	
	Deborah Perry	Member	X	
	Sabrina Reilly	Member	X	
	Alexis Stackhouse	Member		X
	Sandra Strachan-Vieira	Member		X
	J-Lynn Van Pelt	Member	X	
	Jeffrey Zack	Member	X	
Consultants				
	Meagan Alderton	School Board Liaison	X	
	Pree Ann Johnson	Principal Liaison		X
	Theresa Werner	Staff Liaison	X	
Other				
	Courtney Davis	PRC Liaison	X	
	Janet Reese	PRC Liaison	X	
	Terry Mazingo	Chief of Teaching, Learning, Leadership	X	
	Margaret Lorber	School Board Member	X	

	Susan Neilson	School Board Clerk		
	Shanel Hill	Assistant School Board Clerk		X

**Public Comments.**

None

**Approval of Minutes**

Minutes unanimously approved as amended.

**Old Business**

**Literacy Subcommittee**

The sub-committee plans to meet in April to discuss the literacy plan and provide recommendations. The survey is complete and Terry Werner has the results and will send them to the sub-committee.

**Communications Subcommittee**

The committee met in early March. Creation of a Facebook page is underway.

**Awards Subcommittee**

A nomination package is needed ASAP as nominees are recognized at the May School Board meeting. There has been discussion on whether to give the awards this year.

**Process for Public Comment Responses**

There was a discussion on how the committee should respond to public comments. The School Board limits public comments to 3 minutes per speaker. Speakers sign up by 12 noon on the day of the meeting. Written public comments are allowed and are submitted the day before a meeting. The School Board does not respond to public comments during meetings. School Board members follow up on public comments after the meeting.

The committee will follow similar procedures for public comments. Chair Cindy Hart will provide SEAC Public Comment procedures to the School Board clerk for posting on the SEAC webpage.

**New Business and Reports**

## **New Business**

The PRC has been holding meetings in various languages spoken by the ACPS community. The meetings have been very successful and will continue.

## **Executive Director of Specialized Instruction**

Terry Werner will share the results of the literacy survey. Students in the city-wide and self-contained special education programs returned to school buildings last week. Students are receiving a mixture of live and virtual instruction. It is going very well.

Summer school planning is underway. It will focus on reading and math intervention. The hope is to be 100% live. Additional information will be available after spring break.

Planning for the fall is also underway. The hope is to be 100% live with virtual instruction for those with health issues (no hybrid option).

## **Monthly input from Citywide classroom staff**

Laura Fontaine had nothing to report. There have been no meetings of the teacher leadership team.

## **School Board Liaison**

Meagan Alderton reported that School Board members visited 10 ACPS schools yesterday to observe the return to school buildings.

## **Parent Resource Center**

The PRC provided its monthly report to SEAC and Courtney Davis had nothing additional to report.

## **Future Business**

Cindy Hart reminded the committee that a nominating committee will be formed in April or May.

## **Announcements**

None

## **Adjourn**

The motion to adjourn passed unanimously. Chair Cindy Hart adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

**Meeting Action Items**

- Sabrina Reilly will complete Facebook page.
- Terry Werner will arrange for awards nomination package to be put on ACPS website.