

Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting

January 19, 2021

Virtual Meeting via Zoom Webinar

7:00-9:00 pm

Minutes

	Name	Role	Present	Not Present
SEAC Members				
	Cindy Hart	Member	X	
	Michael Behrmann	Vice-chair	X	
	Janet Eissenstat	Member	X	
	Laura Fontaine	Teacher Member	X	
	Lauren Golubski	Chair	X	
	Carolyn Meza	Member	X	
	Jennifer Niccolls	Member	X	
	William Olson	Member	X	
	Sabrina Reilly	Member	X	
	Alexis Stackhouse	Member	X	
	Sandra Strachan-Vieira	Member	X	
	J-Lynn Van Pelt	Co-Secretary	X	
Consultants				
	Meagan Alderton	School Board Liaison	X	
	Linda Ricks	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	
	Willie Bailey	School Board Member	X	

Attendance (5 minutes)

Public Comments (8 minutes)

None submitted prior

Review Meeting Norms (5 minutes)

Old Business and Action Items (10 minutes maximum)

- October 20th, 2021 meeting draft minutes voted on and passed
- 2021-2022 Scope of Work
 - Asked for a vote on the scope of work;
 - concerns raised that the equity sub-committee's work is not included;
 - concerns brought up that there was not group discussion of the document prior to calling for a vote;
 - put the vote on hold (until the end of meeting, see below) to give time to review paragraph about equity

New Business and Reports (40 minutes maximum)

- Reports
 - Executive Director of Specialized Instruction (5 minutes)
 - Finalizing progress reports for end of semester
 - PD in February, Sped focus a new data monitoring system; expanding roll out for full district
 - Starting work on annual plan
 - Met with new recruiter and discussed Sped involvement in hiring process
 - School Board Liaison (5 minutes)
 - shifted to combined funds budget season; first work session last week; giving a total of 10.4% in
 - raises to staff over the next 2 years—this next year a 5.2% raise, then another the next year; 2nd
 - work session tomorrow and moving into collective bargaining work; areas of focus inform budget
 - Willie Bailey introduced himself, he will serve as another School Board rep on SEAC
 - Parent Resource Center (5 minutes)

- Scheduling with PTAs and Sped PTAs and meeting with them to share how PRC works
- Submitted written report prior to meeting
- Subcommittees (15 minutes)
 - Budget and Bylaws subcommittee report out
 - Cindy Hart looked at if district needs more MTSS positions, make sure bylaws are consistent with school board norms
 - Equity and Inclusion subcommittee
 - Sandra Strachan-Viera discussed scope of where to go, explore different sources to define equity and inclusion, bring draft of proposed definition to full SEAC board; Sandra elected chair of subcommittee
 - **Revisited Scope of Work**
 - Cindy shared her screen for updated paragraph on Equity sub-committee to add to the scope of work; J-Lynn suggested an edit for 2nd sentence which was included, Sandra suggested an edit to the last sentence
 - Cindy motioned friendly amendment, 2nd—Unanimous acceptance of amendment; unanimous vote for passing the scope of work
- SEAC Chair (5 minutes)
 - Schedule Sped 101 date with the school board, Alderton will discuss with team on Tuesday and finalize a date—Lauren asked if anyone interested to reach out to her to do planning

Additional Overview of SPED 101

- Terry: Superintendent set a format for the presentation last time to share with Werner and ACPS staff and also a parent perspective
- Alderton mentioned to add the roles and responsibilities of an LEA to the presentation
- Eissenstat mentioned there needs to be a balance between compliance and how families have to navigate the system
- Werner offered to share the powepoint from the previous presentation, Lauren asked her to email it so everyone could review
- Berhmann mentioned that recent political issues and historical issues like retention

- Dr. Mozingo mentioned that from the previous presentation the school board left with an idea of what students receiving SPED services go through, some of the experiences, and how the family works toward “normalcy”
- Alderton connect to goals that the School Board is doing so that everyone owns the work

Future Business

- January Subcommittees will meet after business meeting:
 - Transition (20 minutes)
 - Literacy (20 minutes)

Announcements

- March 16th meeting plan to meet in person at Alexandria City High School if the State of Emergency is still not in place
- February meeting a working session for Anne Lipnick awards

8:09 pm Lauren motioned to end the meeting, Sandra seconded, meeting ended at 8:10 pm

Subcommittees to meet

- COVID-19 Recovery (30 minutes)
- Budget & Bylaws (30 minutes)
- Transition (30 minutes)

Next Meeting: March 16, 2021