

**Special Education Advisory Committee
Transition Subcommittee Meeting**

Wednesday, January 19th
8:40-9:00 pm via Zoom

MINUTES

Committee Members: Janet Eissenstat, Sandra Strachan-Vieira, J-Lynn VanPelt

In attendance: Janet Eissenstat, Sandra Strachan-Vieira, J-Lynn VanPelt, Lauren Golubski

Agenda & Minutes

1. Discuss areas of focus of the subcommittee
 - a. Reviewed quick agenda, Lauren here for support
 - b. Sandra said many work placements have shut down with the pandemic; the nature of transition services is changing; Project SEARCH is still there, but was shut down for a year; wondering about post-pandemic focus
 - c. Janet is concerned about the life skills portion of planning that is not occurring in the pandemic—riding the bus, grocery shopping, etc. Not happening now.
 - d. Helping parents navigating state systems—SSDI, guardianship, DD/ID Waiver—parents don't know about services—is this something that SEAC could help with, educational guardianship; communication goals could be expanded; can help with transparency about transition options:
 - i. Do parents really understand what transition services mean?
 - ii. Could SEAC bridge the gap with PRC and Alexandria City and ACPS about how to access all services?
2. Set potential goals and timeline
 - a. Would like to meet with Amy Creed—Career and Transition Services Coordinator

The meeting ended at 8:31 p.m.