

Alexandria City Public Schools
Special Education Advisory Committee Meetings
T.C. Williams High School
Principal's Conference Room
3330 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22302

Tuesday, March 28, 2017

1. Call to Order
2. Introductions
3. Michael Humphreys- Health and Physical Education
4. Assistant Director of Specialized Instruction
5. Michael Humphreys→ Family Life Curriculum
 - a. Position was missing for 4 years, over the last 18 months has tried to catch up and clean up systems
 - b. Started FLE in elementary schools
 - i. Curriculum, adaptation, training, etc.
 - ii. 5 teachers are piloting (Still in the early stages)
 - iii. Next year they will use the lessons from this year to expand and improve the programming
 - c. Additional curriculum searches from other districts for MS/HS health resources
 - i. Working with 2 teachers on using these resources and modifying their current curriculum
 - d. High priority for his department
 - i. Getting support logistically and financially
 - e. 20 hour certification course with a psychologist
6. Q and A with members
 - a. Size and Scope?
 - i. Continue to get buy in from teachers before massively expanding it
 - ii. Goal is for full-implementation in the fall with training opportunities in the summer/fall
 - b. Stratification across levels of support and need?
 - i. Focused on first determining who is in charge of Family Life and filtering information to them
 - ii. Built the curriculum using proven resources and differentiated resources
 - iii. Worked on overall accessibility, which opened up to the city-wide group
 - iv. Adapting as they go, with a lot more to do
 - c. Implementation issues/concerns (Autism, delayed understanding, social-deficits)
 - i. Teachers are essential in this process
 - d. Home communication
 - i. Opt out letters
 - ii. Unit letters
 - iii. Curriculum online and in library→ need to be informed
 - e. Scope and sequence
 - i. Review for older kids that can support special education
 - f. Where can health and wellness trickle down throughout the schools
 - i. Where else can they play and take breaks
 - ii. Mindfulness and meditation
 - g. What is the goal of Family Life Education for SEAC?
 - i. Safety→ abuse prevention→ compliancy education

- ii. Sex Ed
 - iii. Appropriate behaviors in various circles
 - iv. More formal conversations around family life at IEP meetings
 - v. Formative and Summative assessments
 - vi. Where can it connect to other classes and service providers? (communication is key)
 - vii. Circles- understanding people in the community (police, etc.)
 - viii. Using/resourcing curriculum for students with disabilities (ex. Self-contained classrooms)
7. Committee Reports
- a. Guide to Inclusion Program has been accepted by Terry and Parent Resource Center
 - i. Sending out explanation and resources to principals soon
 - 1. May need some supplements and modifications (ex. People first language)
 - ii. Will be pilot programs, by choice → goal next October
 - iii. Ellen will share memo so SEAC can advocate
 - b. Harry Burke and Anne Lippick Awards
 - i. Celebration is still being planned to celebrate specialized education (May 24 at 4:30)
 - ii. Still working on restructuring award
 - 1. Committee meetings to follow so it can be announced at the event
 - c. Governance
 - i. Bylaw reviews
 - ii. Elections at May meeting
 - 1. Contact chair
8. Working on tours of various aspects of the Specialized Instruction
- a. April/May several locations with 4-5 spots for each visit
9. Board Presentation
- a. General presentation
 - b. Hour of Q and A
 - i. Lots of questions around culture
 - 1. Cultural competency should go past race
 - ii. 80% of kids average/above-average intelligence
 - iii. Language barriers for parents/ families → hard enough for English speaking families
 - iv. Going beyond compliance to dignity and respect
 - v. Students need to be included
10. Working Session April 14 at Safeway in Bradlee Center (Spring Break)
11. Next meeting is April 24- Focus on Facilities
12. Parent Resource Center Report
13. Minutes approved
14. Document- summary of Endrew F. V Douglas Co School District (Supreme Court)
- a. Also, guide dog ruling in favor of special needs students (Supreme Court)