

Minutes of Meeting
Equity and Inclusion Subcommittee of the Special Education Advisory Committee
Date: January 18, 2023
Alexandria City High School Library

SEAC Attendees: Ruchir Narayan, William E. Olson, Kate Radt

The meeting was called to order at 8:37 PM.

1. Discuss areas of focus of the subcommittee

There was a discussion about determining the focus of the Equity and Inclusion Subcommittee for this school year.

To guide that discussion, Mr. Narayan proposed considering three categories of issues: (1) issues related to the delivery of instruction to, and related services provided to, students with disabilities during the school day, (2) issues related to communicating with parents and guardians about the delivery of instruction to, and related services provided to, students with disabilities during the school day, and (3) issues related to the participation of students with disabilities in after-hour events within ACPS facilities, including extra-curricular activities.

There was further discussion about the three categories identified by Mr. Narayan. Ms. Radt discussed interest in examining equity and inclusion issues of students with disabilities generally including issues relating to transportation and the length of the lunch period at Alexandria City High School. Mr. Olson noted interest in considering the causes of discrepancies between academic performance of students with disabilities compared with other populations within ACPS and that such work could start with looking into available data on that issue.

2. Set potential goals and timeline

Mr. Narayan suggested that the Equity and Inclusion Subcommittee schedule another meeting to propose areas of focus and potential goals falling within the three categories identified. The members of the sub-committee agreed to schedule an additional meeting on February 22, 2023.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:30 PM.