

Alexandria City Public Schools
Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting
TC William High School Principal's Conference Room
Monday, January 23, 2017
Draft Minutes

- I. Meeting called to order at 7pm
- II. Introduction of those present at the meeting
- III. Reviewed draft of Scope of Work- Participants tried to develop a plan that tracks with the Strategic Plan.
 - a. Review focused on the objectives laid out in the draft. Some highlights:
 - i. data that is public and clear
 1. Proposed to have Marya Runkle come in to present the dashboard
 - ii. Resources provided from the Center for Family Inclusion to be considered for curricular support for disability awareness
 - iii. Teacher retention will be reviewed with HR in April
 - iv. Educate ourselves on CIP and bring in head of facilities. Looking at existing, proposed, and swing spaces
 - v. Family Life Curriculum presentation in May (will look to meet on a Wednesday in March)
 - vi. Transition issues (April) – looking at curriculum
 - vii. Updating bylaws (review)
 - viii. Working on improving communication
 - b. Jeff presented Crosswalk of the Scope of Work to determine impact
 - c. Group debated prioritization, dates to engage in these issues, and how will we accomplish the scop of work
 - d. Motion to approve the draft, with additions of:
 - i. SEAC will work with their board representatives to set up a time to educate the School Board about special education laws, issues, etc.
 - ii. SEAC will monitor the RFP for the Review of the Special Education and stay engaged in the overall process until it is complete.
 - iii. Reverse the order of the goals and the connection to the Strategic Plan
- IV. Terry Werner presented the Office of Specialized Instruction Plan. Conversations on:
 - a. SEAC and parents being stakeholders
 - b. Co-teaching in honors classes
 - c. Goals are similar to last years, is there results that discuss progress
 - d. All schools are using AIMsWeb
- V. Committee Reports-
 - a. Governance-
 - i. will be reviewing bylaws
 - ii. December minutes approved
 - b. Budget-
 - i. Impact on special education?
 - ii. Number discrepancies, depending on the pages you are looking at.
 1. Terry noted that it is a formula driven process. Net increase of 4 teachers (7 overall changes) and 6 paras.
 2. Some of the issues are with Preschool
 3. Budget issues for 2018 for study and then implementation

c. Outreach

- i. Share the positives in the Special Ed Committee
- ii. Work to institutionalize norming special education advocacy and education
- iii. CFI- free trainings available

d. Harry Burke

- i. Need to get started ASAP
- ii. Group voted to have a general celebration for special education staff and then announce a restructured award at the event in May.

VI. Meeting was adjourned at 9:15