

Special Education Advisory Subcommittee & Working Session Meeting

Date: April 27, 2022

Virtual Meeting via Zoom Webinar

7:00-9:00 pm

Meeting Host: Susan Neilson, School Board Clerk

Agenda

Attendance:

Terri Mozingo, Terry Werner, Lauren Golubski, J-Lynn Van Pelt, Cindy Hart, William Olson, Carolyn Meza, Kate Radt, Jennifer Niccolls, Janet Eissenstat

Agenda & Minutes:

1. Anne Lipnick Awards Update and Next Steps
 - a. 14 nominees this year in comparison to 42, discussion about extending deadline for submitting the application or going forward with current nominees
 - b. Currently winners on schedule for the last school board meeting of the school calendar year in May—May 19th , Werner expressed concern about making sure we have 2 weeks to get awards engraved, if virtual then we can work to the week before
 - c. Possible to move award recognition to June 2nd school board meeting
 - d. unanimous vote to extend the deadline to **May 13th**; Selection Committee meet offline after May SEAC meeting—**May 18th**; present winners at the June 2nd school board meeting
 - e. Brought up whether awards not be given this year and just have a general recognition, several said that it was important to move forward with giving the awards
 - f. Discussed how to disseminate extension—Werner to share with staff, Golubski to send out email to PTA, PTAC; and ask committee to send out information to those who may want to nominate
2. SPED Annual Plan
 - a. Terry and Dr. Mozingo presented the Special Education Plan for how Federal funds are spent
 - b. Clarifying questions on the percentage of spending listed in this plan, how additional COVID (ESSER)
 - c. Funds will be spent, and whether we could do a presentation like in Fairfax that boils down how the spending is broken down in layman terms so parents can understand
 - d. Clarification about ESSER funds—cannot fund additional personnel
 - e. Mentioned recent VDOE audit for spending of IDEA money was a glowing report, went very well
 - f. This plan will now be submitted for Board review at next week’s meeting. ACPS staff likes the idea of creating a simple 5 slide powerpoint that explains the

funding for parents and community by category showed the break down of how the personnel funding will be spent

3. SPED 101 Training

- a. Brought up Special Education 101 training for the School Board, wanted to discuss what had been done in the past
- b. Previous presenter talked about what was discussed in previous Sped 101 presentations, large focus on parent involvement and advocacy, tried to humanize the parental experience, spectrum of what parents desire for their kids—not one size fits all
- c. Proposed creating a 5 slide document discussing how SEAC operates
- d. Announced that Kate Radt, student representative has been approved by school board
- e. Resources, handouts, and videos were forwarded from previous presentation
- f. Discussed how to move forward with collaborating for the SEAC presentation in Sped 101
- g. Agreed to begin collaborating in the meeting with what to discuss, parents shared what they wanted expressed
- h. Discussed what to include in the SEAC part of the Sped 101 presentation, worked through slides, adding items as people shared items to include
- i. Discussion about clarifying with the school board about representing families with 504 Plans in addition to IEPs, state gave former SEAC Chair feedback that it could be covered in our advocacy and discussions, but suggested getting clarity from the school board
- j. Golubski will send out slide deck for continuing development as a group
- k. Discussed FOIA/PA and how many people can access the document at one time to collaborate
- l. Presentation scheduled for May 26 th working session, discussed whether we could get it done in time, want to work toward keeping the date.

4. End of Year Report

- a. Discussed looking for a shared google document that will be sent out to write the final report of SEAC before our meeting in May; Chair recommended meeting with subcommittee prior to the final meeting to include accomplishments and other factors to include in the report together.

Meeting adjourned at 8:57pm