

**Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)
Norfolk Public Schools - Minutes 10/7/21**

Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic and Governor Northam’s Executive Order Number 53 (2020), effective March 23, 2020, this meeting was held via Zoom Communications, in accordance with Code of Virginia §2.2-3708.2.

Meeting, date and time: via Zoom, 10/7/21, 6:00 p.m.

Members present:	Halima Akar (Co-Secretary), Dr. Nicole Anthony (Standing Rules Subcommittee Chair), Theresa Apker (Co-Chair), Sarah Bailey, Rita Bell (Co-Secretary), Charlene Christopher, Mildred Goolsby, Vicky Greco (Co-Vice Chair), Tasha Washington, Susan Williams, Akeia Holman-Boyd, Diane Outlaw
Members absent:	Nate Almeida, Betty Boone, Christopher Keyes (Co-Vice Chair), Vashti Washington
NPS Consultants present:	Jerri Smith, Learning Support Consultant; Dr. Glenda Walter, Learning Support Senior Director
Guests:	

Welcome/Introductions/The Purpose of SEAC: Ms. Apker called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Dr. Walter admitted guests from the Zoom virtual "waiting room." On behalf of the SEAC, Ms. Apker asked if there were any new attendees to welcome and invited them to introduce themselves. Ms. Apker read the purpose of the SEAC.

Adoption of September Minutes: Ms. Apker asked if everyone had a chance to read over the minutes. Charlene Christopher made a motion to adopt the minutes from the September 2, 2021 meeting. Dr Anthony 2nd the motion. The Committee adopted the minutes as *amended by Halima Akar*.

Dr. Anthony led discussion of the Standing Rules Subcommittee report. The purpose of the Standing Rules subcommittee was to interpret the bylaws. They met on September 15th. They summarized the public comments section, provide some guidance for some parents. For public comments, we ask that public comments are given in person and limited to 3 minutes. Public comments can be submitted via email. The SEAC committee will not be able to respond at that time a written response may be provided at a later date.

Susan Williams made a motion to adopt the Standing Rules Subcommittee bylaws. Ms. Goolsby 2nd the motion and the committee adopted the bylaws presented.

Announcements: Ms. Greco announced the updates from the school board work session which included the back-to-school updates, SOL results, update and review of the on-time graduation data, and COVID 19 vaccination vote. There will be a business meeting on Wednesday, October 13th at 7pm and they are having a workshop at 4pm.

Sarah Bailey announced that the Endependence Center is offering Youth Independent Living Skills Virtual Classes on Saturday a from 10:00am – 12:00pm for ages 16-24. If anyone is interested contact Amy Ouellette, coordinator, at 757-351-1597 or aouellette@endependence.org

Schedule and topics at Endependence are 11/13 Advocate for Transportation Access, 12/11 Advocate for Shopping Access, and 1/22 Advocate for Health Care access

Regional SEAC Meeting on October 23rd from 10am to 11:30am at the Endependence Center, RSVP to Sarah Bailley

Public Comment: There were no public comments received or discussed.

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2020-2021 Annual Report to the School Board: Ms. Apker led discussion regarding the status of the Annual Report to the School Board, which was due on June 15. The committee has not received the 2020-2021 Annual Report to the School Board final draft from Mr. Moynihan.

Vicky Greco suggested the committee draft another 2020-2021 annual report even though it is late. She made a motion to have a subcommittee to work on it and present it and vote at the November meeting. She mentioned it is important that the committee fulfill our obligation that is in our bylaws, which is a requirement that has been set by the school board to submit an annual report every June 15th. The motion was 2nd by Susan Williams. The motion was approved. The subcommittee will consist of Vicky Greco, Charlene Christopher, Akeia Holman-Boyd, and Dr Nicole Anthony.

Spring 2021 Special Education Audit by the Council for the Great City Schools:

Dr. Walter reviewed information from the Audit by the Great City Schools that was presented by to the School Board. She reviewed the Scope of Data Review, Areas of Strength, Opportunities for Improvement, Improvement Efforts in Progress, and Future Improvement Efforts. Then the committee members were able to ask questions about the audit information presented. It was asked that SEAC consider the audit when providing their recommendations to the board.

SEAC Outreach/Membership/Brochure:

Project Search Open House is coming October 27th from 6 to 7 at Norfolk Sentara

October is Disability History and Awareness month –the NPS website is highlighting related service providers in NPS, Big Feet Meet for the middle Schools taking place in for awareness activities, then on November 1st more district wide programs for students who will be participating at their school site. There is a training on October 28th with VDOE for secondary school programs 6th – 12th (one administrator that is specialized in special education and their department chair)

DARs for family engagement is looking for family ambassadors.

VDOE is seeking stakeholder input regarding Federal Performance Indicator 8 Family Engagement through December 2021. The **VDOE 2020-2021 Indicator 8 Parent Survey** is now open and accessible online in English and Spanish. VDOE will send the division paper copies of the survey to share with families that may not have online access.

There was a discussion held about the SEAC brochure. Charlene Christopher made a motion to adopt the flyer after reviewing it and vote electronically by Wednesday, Oct. 13th, responding to Ms. Apker. Vicky Greco 2nd that motion. The motion was adopted.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:43p.m. The next SEAC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 4, 2021 at 6 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita Bell
2021-22 Co-Recording Secretary