

Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)

Norfolk Public Schools – Minutes 11/04/2021

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 the Code of Virginia §2.2-3708.2.

Meeting Date and Time: Via Zoom, 11/04/2021, 6:00 pm

Members Present	Theresa Apker, Tasha Washington, Vicky Manugo Greco, Christopher Keyes, Halima Akar, Rita Bell, Nicole Anthony, Sarah Bailey, Charlene Christopher, Mildred Goolsby, Edna (Diane) Outlaw, Susan Williams, Matthew Moynihan, Akeia Holman-Boyd,
Members Absent	Nathaniel Almeida, Vashti Washington
NPS Consultants Present	Dr. Glenda Walter, Senior Director, Learning Support Ms. Jerri Smith, Senior Coordinator, Learning Support
Guests	Anita Boone-Millington, NPS Parent Resource Technician

The meeting of the Norfolk Public Schools Special Education Advisory Committee was held Thursday November 4, 2021, 6:00 pm via Zoom communications. Ms. Theresa Apker, Co-Chair was present.

Welcome/Introductions/The Purpose of SEAC:

The agenda for the meeting was shared on the screen via Zoom. Ms. Apker called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm and asked everyone to introduce themselves. All SEAC members introduced themselves as well as Norfolk Public Schools consulting staff. Ms. Apker provided the purpose and committee functions of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting.

Adoption of June Minutes:

Ms. Greco presented the draft minutes from the October 7, 2021, meeting. A motion was made to approve and adopt the minutes.

Introduction & Welcome of NPS Parent Resource Technician

Ms. Anita Boone-Millington introduced herself and provided information on a new parent survey that will be issued to identify priorities and efforts on behalf of Norfolk Public Schools Parent Resource Center currently located at the Rosemont Center located in Room 316. Members posed various questions to Ms. Boone-Millington regarding her new role.

Announcements and Special Education Updates from Our Community

Ms. Sarah Bailey reported back about the Regional SEAC Meeting hosted by the Endependence Center on October 23, 2021

Ms. Vicky Greco shared the upcoming Norfolk Public School Board meeting dates and the first Norfolk Public School Board Budget Hearing. The Norfolk Public School Board will hold its Business meeting on Wednesday, November 17, 2021, at 4:00 p.m. at the School Administration Building (12th floor, Board room) streamed live at <https://norfolkpublicschools.swagit.com/live/>

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Public Comment

Per the bylaws, public comment is limited to 3 minutes per person. Public comments are preferred to be provided no less than 24 hours before the current meeting.

Halima Akar shared information regarding the open house of the G3II Daycare center located at 3624 Sewells Point Road November 11, 2021, 11:00 am – 3:00 pm. The G3II Daycare center provides childcare for special needs students who attend Norfolk Public Schools.

Learning Support Update

Dr. Walter shared the below Learning Support Updates:

- NPS November Newsletter- <https://www.npsk12.com/Page/18221>

The newsletter included information related to Child Find, SEAC, and Disability History and Awareness month. Learning Support will continue to request that Child Find & SEAC info is included in each newsletter as space allows. We will also ask that info related to the PRC and introducing Ms. Boone-Millington is included in the next newsletter.

- VDOE Indicator 8 Parent Survey

The VDOE is asking for assistance in promoting the completion of the survey by families who have a child with a disability and is provided special education services through an individualized education program (IEP). Families who have more than one child receiving special education services should complete a survey for each of their children. Both an English and Spanish version of the survey is available at the below links.

The VDOE has indicated they will also work with their parent agency partners to make the availability of the online survey known to parents across the Commonwealth, as well as sending it out through their social media links and GovDelivery messaging platform. This year's timeline for completion and submission of survey responses, in any modality, is set at December 17, 2021.

- VDOE Region 2 School Divisions- Stakeholder Input Meeting RE: State Performance Targets

The VDOE is scheduling stake holder input meetings for local SEACs teachers, administrators, etc. throughout each of the state's eight regions to solicit input on the establishment of new state performance targets related to outcomes for students with disabilities throughout the state. The Region 2 meeting for which Norfolk Public Schools is a part is scheduled for Tuesday, November 9, 2021, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. via Zoom.

- Dept. of Learning Support-Special Education partnering with VDOE Office of Family Engagement to offer Critical Decision Points Training

Training for secondary (middle and high school) administrators and department chairs was offered on October 28, 2021, at Norview High School. Approximately 30 NPS leaders participated in this. Additional sessions will be offered in the future to include more leaders at the secondary level and to include elementary administrators. NPS will also be partnering with VDOE to offer this important training

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again to families in Norfolk Public Schools in the future and training for teachers on collaborating with families. Online resources for parents and school division staff related to the Critical Decision Points trainings can be found at the VDOE website at https://www.doe.virginia.gov/special_ed/parents/index.shtml .

- Disability History & Awareness Month Vides/Big Feet Meet

NPS put out multiple video vignettes around some of our related services for students on the website and social media during Disability History & Awareness Month in October. You can still check those out here <https://www.npsk12.com/lis>. We also held the “Big Feet Meet” on November 1 at various middle schools throughout the division in partnership with Special Olympics. During the month of October, participating schools and students engaged in lessons around inclusion leading up to the November 1 athletic event/physical activities. The focus for the event and lessons throughout the month was “Choose to Include”.

Update Regarding 2020-2021 Annual Report to the School Board

The subcommittee to include Dr. Nicole Anthony and Ms. Charlene Christopher and Ms. Vicky Greco will meet next week to finalize a draft for SEAC to review and provide comments in advance of our December 2, 2021, meeting. The annual report will reflect stakeholder concerns around return to school/1st Quarter instruction for SWD and Learning Support Staff

New Business/Wrap Up/Adjournment

Ms. Apker requested that the committee in preparation for the December meeting to bring some things to the table for discussion for the next meeting regarding 5 Year Strategic Planning for Budget and Legislative Advocacy, Instructional and Social Emotional Supports

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm, The next meeting is December 2, 2021

Respectfully Submitted,

Halima M. Akar, Recording Secretary