

Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)/DRAFT

Minutes: December 1, 2022

Meeting Date and Time: 12/01/2022 6:00 pm

In person meeting referencing Mandate dated July 1, 2022-Norfolk Public School Board Meeting Room 1202 Central Administration Building 800 East City Hall Ave Norfolk, VA 23510

Members Present	Sarah Bailey, Nikia Bassett, Rita Bell, Diane Outlaw, Melissa Garman, Mildred Goolsby, Vicky Manugo Greco, Christopher Keyes, Matthew Moynihan, Nathan Whitlow
Members Absent	Nicole Anthony, Shantae Brown, Katelyn Conway, Marysol Flores, Michael Hester, Renee Howard, Tynikia Johnson (resigned), Gilda Northern, Aniki Reid, Tashi Washington, Vashti Washington, Susan Williams
NPS Consultant	Dr. Glenda Walter (Senior Director)
Guests	Catina Cuffee Desiree Valenzuela

The meeting of the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) was held December 1, 2022, 6:06 pm at Granby High School. Dr. Nathan Whitlow, presiding.

**Welcome/Introduction/The Purpose of SEAC:** Dr. Whitlow welcomed members and guests. SEAC members and guest introduced themselves.

Meeting's agenda was presented and there were no additions.

Dr. Whitlow read the purpose of the SEAC.

**Review/Adoption of November SEAC Minutes:** Minutes from the meeting of November 3, 2022 was shared. Editorial corrections and spelling errors were noted. The minutes were motioned by Vicky Manugo Greco and seconded by Mildred Goolsby; the motion was carried.

**Announcements:** Sarah Bailey, Endepence Center, will host the SEAC Regional Meeting from 10 am to 12 noon on January 21, 2023.

Mildred Goolsby, Southside Stem Academy, received a grant with YMCA for each grade level for transportation and swimming- 40 minutes. ALL students were included. The students were excited and responded in a safe manner!

NPS announced the ESSA Fund survey by ROBO call. A ROBO call was made for the survey of The Student with Disabilities in English and Spanish. Both surveys were mailed out and placed in public libraries for completion. Norfolk Public Schools was interested in public comments from the surveys.

**Ongoing Business:** A motion was made Greco to form a committee to look at the Vision Statement for updates and changes. It was seconded by Goolsby; the motion was carried. Any suggestions are to be sent to the Committee; Dr. Whitlow will do a follow with those who responded to his email.

Melissa Garman and Greco proposed that absent members, special education teachers, and general education teachers would share in the formulation of the Vision Statement. The Vision Statement should be supported by our bylaws and VDOE guidelines. The proposals will be shared at the January 2023 meeting.

Dr. Whitlow said he would follow immediately with comments and suggestions. Garman and Greco proposed not to adopt until members of SEAC review the changes; Dr. Anthony's input and perspective would be on the same page with the Vision Statement. The submission will be made by our January meeting. Goolsby stated that it should be full inclusivity in the statement. In the revision the statement should be student holistically inclusive. Greco and Bailey agreed that it should be a separate committee and it can be done on Zoom and ready for the January meeting. Input will be to Garman by December 16, 2022. Discussion and feedback can be via email for co-editing by the January 5 meeting.

According to bylaws, SEAC was short of members on committees. It was suggested to combine some committees. A motion was made from the floor.

Goolsby said that Inclusiveness is not stated in this Vision Statement. It should emphasize the model, coteaching, and continuation of services. Not all students have restrictive services-inclusiveness. It should not have an individual agenda; this may be problematic.

Goolsby stated that teaching and learning should not be in a restrictive environment for the inclusion class. SEAC should be an advocate for full inclusiveness; SEAC are responsible for the Advocacy for ALL children.

Goolsby commented that the next Vision Statement should not have negative connotation.

Garman proposed that Granby High School will be our location for the remainder of the school year. The motion was second and carried.

Garman questioned the vacancies and what is being done to recruit and retain.

SEAC's Annual Plan is due April 2023.

### **Learning Support Updates -Dr. Walter:**

NPS is collecting data for the Inclusive Schools Self-Assessment and Action Plan as required by VDOE Supt. Memo #207-21. Schools are currently completing self-assessment.

Thirty-seven participants attended the November 15, 2022 "Successful Transition Planning & the IEP". Of the 37 participants, 5 NPS parents and 12 NPS Dept. of Learning Support staff attended. A workshop, "The Power of Engaging Families", is planned for January 18, 2023. "Critical Decision Points for Family of Children with Disabilities" is planned for March 10, 2023. The CCEIS Summer Conference is planned for August 3, 2023.

The Federal December 1 Child Count will be worked on and submitted to VDOE.

Dr. Walter will start working with the departments to develop the FY24 application. SEAC will need to schedule Dr. Walter to present the annual plan.

**Special Education Updates from Community:**

SEAC Regional meeting will be in person or virtual at the Endependence Center from 10 am to 12 noon on January 21, 2023.

**Public Comments: None**

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm. The next regular meeting January 5, 2023 at Granby High School.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Outlaw, Recording Secretary----

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