

Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)
Minutes of the Meeting
Monday, May 14, 2012
5:30 p.m. CCPS – Caroline Middle School

Attendance

Susan Gayle – Consultant
 Linda Olson – Teacher-BGE
 Diane Gough – Teacher-CHS

Vera J. Underwood (Admin. Intern)
 Billie Teague – CHS – Transition Coord.

Lisa Roarty – SPED Director
 Marcia Fisher – parent

Call to Order
Housekeeping

The meeting was called to order by Billie Teague at 5:45 p.m.

Susan Gayle went over the purpose of the Special Education Advisory Committee, method of advertisement for meetings, Ground Rules, Parking Lot, and Public Comment guidelines. Introductions of everyone present.

Old Business

- **Recruitment** – Since this meeting is before the regular school board meeting, a table was set up with SEAC information.
 SEAC packets of information was available for anyone to pick up. These packets can also be used for Open House at schools and Back to School nights.
 A calendar of meeting dates for next school year was available with scheduled topics. Meetings were alternated from day/evening to accommodate different schedules.
 Develop a SEAC survey for parents to see what works best for meetings. Billie and Susan will develop and email to committee for input.
 SEAC has a separate email address: ccpsseac@gmail.com
- **SEAC Project** – Met on the previous Friday to finalize plans for the Prom 5-18-2012- 8pm – 11pm.
 3 or 4 students may need transportation to the Science Museum. Check into possibility of a Limo.
 8 – 9 students will be participating.

New Business

- Approval of minutes from **-4-23-2012**
 Motion__Diane Gough_____
 Seconded__Linda Olson_____
 Adopted___5-14-2012_____
- Nomination of officers – Set aside until next school year, when more members participate
- Set up 2012/13 site visit dates – Set aside until next school year.

Reports/Announcements

- **PRC** – Attended two-day training on SSI/SSDI in Richmond. Obtained a wealth of information that we were not aware of.
 Working on end of year reports. Next workshops coming up- Get Ready for Kindergarten May 23 and May 30- 10am. The PRC will be open two evenings for staff and parents to get activities.
- **SPED** –Busy time. 5 teachers needed for next year. Interviewed at job fair. 5/24/2012- Para job fair-want quality applicants prepared for the first day of school. Required hours of training for Autism-variety of training modules. In process of meeting with companies for presenting trainings.

ESY—2 self-contained with related services. This year had to interview paras for ESY since so many applied. ESY will be 6/18-7/19/2012.

SPED still growing-getting regular transfer of students from Stafford and Spotsylvania. About 659 SPED students in CCPS. Numbers can fluctuate. More students staying in school beyond age 18 – learning soft skills.

Annual Plan to be approved tonight at the School Board Meeting. \$923,000 and \$19,000 – Pre-school – State money.

There is a decrease in the Autism population and an increase in Intellectual Disability. Staffing has been allocated to meet those needs.

Ask that parents/staff participate in School Board Meetings especially during budget times.

School Board/Board of Supervisors meet this Wednesday – please show your support.

- **School spotlight**

CHS-Had a Thank You luncheon prepared by CHS Culinary for 3 businesses (employers from Food Lion, Wright's Chapel, and Animal Hospital). Will be checking with Roma's to participate as an employer for transition.

Applied for a disability Board Joint Grant for Transition with dRC and King George High School-develop a curriculum for employment training and job developer. Should hear if approved by end of May. 8th-12th grade participants.

2 students going to CHS Academic Awards Banquet.

BES-Special Olympics – Lori Askew/Linda Olson attended "Little Feet Meet" at James River High School. Had the lighting of the torch and awards for each event.

Classes have participated in all field trips – walking tour and outdoor education events.

Areas of Concern/Interest/Public Comment

Adjourn – 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan L. Gayle, consultant
(substitute for chair-person)