



SEAC Business Meeting

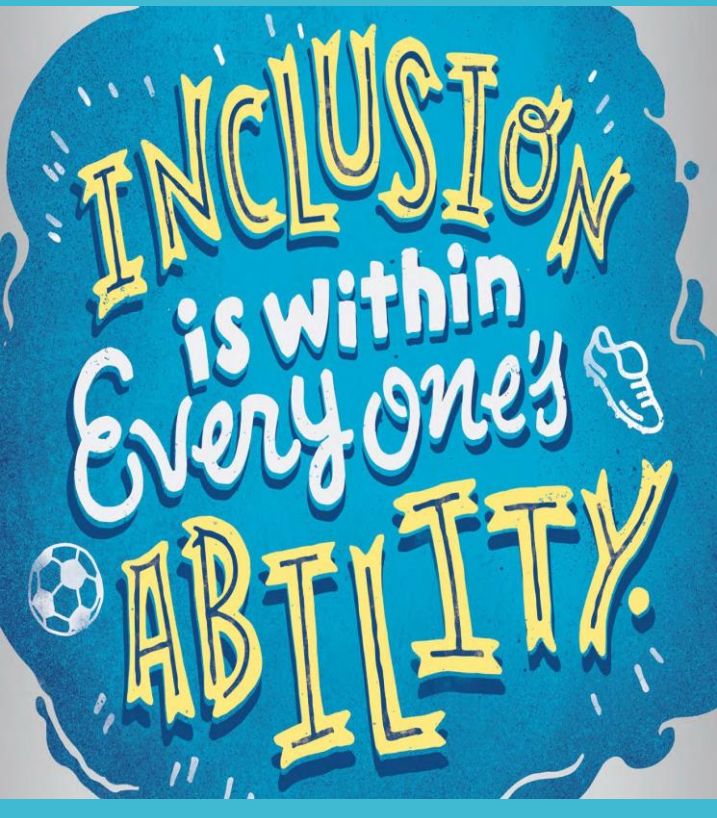
April 4, 2018

Cedar Lane Elementary School's Plan: AWARENESS AND ACCEPTANCE

- Daily Autism Facts on Morning News Show (MNS)
- MNS highlighting random acts of kindness
- MNS examples of inclusive practices
- Staff t-shirts that read ***Autism Awareness: Accept*Understand*Love***
- Blue Fridays- encourage staff/students to wear blue
- Autism awareness bracelet sale each Wednesday in the school store
- Highlight the amazing **abilities** in their students through a sensory-based school-wide “bubble” mural:
 - 1) How we can love each other (Grades K-1)
 - 2) Understanding Autism (facts) (Grades 2-3)
 - 3) How we can be accepting --
 - What are the challenges that someone with autism may face socially or with communication?
 - How can we show kindness and acceptance? (Grades 4-5)
- End of April: Cedar Lane Staff vs. LCPS “All Stars” Game
 - Light It Up Blue Pep Rally on Friday April 27th at 2 p.m. Cedar Lane Gym
 - Game on April 28th at Stone Bridge HS



Minutes and Reports



Approval of Minutes

- March 2018

Reports

- **Parent Resource Services**
Leanne Kidwell (Educator) and
Pamela Spiering (Parent)
- **VC Membership & SEAC Reps**, Deferred to Chair's Report
- **VC Planning**, Shehnaz Khan
- **VC Communications**, Kristin Kane
- **Secretary**, Alison MacArthur
- **Director, LCPS Office of SPED**, Dr. Suzanne Jimenez
- **SEAC Chair**, Dr. Carol Williams-Nickelson



AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH



SEAC Chair Report

Dr. Carol Williams-Nickelson

April 4, 2018

Membership Update



Current SEAC Members:

Please contact Sharon Tropf, Vice Chair for Membership to confirm continuation or discontinuation of your SEAC membership at seacvicechairmembership@lcps.org

New members welcome!

Eligibility: Attendance at 5 prior SEAC meetings

Requirements:

- 1) Attend monthly meetings (no more than 3 unexcused absences per year)
- 2) Serve on at least 1 subcommittee and participate in those meetings

Process:

- 1) Complete brief application and submit to Sharon
- 2) Appointments made by the School Board

Annual SEAC Community Survey



Conceptualized and revised to gain more information about satisfaction and needs:

- Instruction
- General services, supports and processes
- Communication from school and from LCPS
- New issues raised this year and SEAC priorities/concerns
- Specialized reading instruction (Dyslexia)
- Post high school preparation and transition planning
- Mental Health
- Related Services (OT, PT, ST, VT, AT, etc.)
- Access to resources and information
- Parent Resource Services (PRS)
- Programs for next year
- Specific suggestions/recommendations
- Solutions
- Expanded demographics (grade, disability category, region within district)
- Fewer binary questions (yes/no) and more scales (strongly disagree to strongly agree)
- Goal this year to increase response rate so that the data is more generalizable.
- Deadline: **May 18, 2018**

The Annual SEAC Survey is one of several mechanisms for collecting community input to inform the identification of unmet needs and recommendations.

Preview Survey at: <https://goo.gl/forms/bZTHm7aCdibviH0m2>

Empathy Interviews

HOW PERSONALIZED LEARNING CAN BENEFIT STUDENTS

- SEAC contacted participants to participate in a stakeholder meeting regarding how to improve personalized learning, or **“the ideal secondary school experience.”**
- Three 30 minute focus group sessions for, a) students, b) teachers/administrators, and c) parents, business partners and school board members.
- Parent group scheduled to meet on March 25th 12:40-1:10 at LCPS Admin Building
- We will report out and follow up as appropriate

SEAC Annual Awards



2018 RECOGNITION FOR EXCELLENCE IN SUPPORTING SPECIAL EDUCATION

Honoring educators, programs, parents and students who set a standard of excellence for the success of students with disabilities.



Nomination Deadline Was: Friday, March 23

Awards Ceremony:

Tuesday, May 15, 6:30 p.m. LCPS Admin. Bldg.

Focusing now on program planning and sponsorships:
Contact Carol for Sponsorship letter and prospectus.

Updates

Every child is
one caring
adult away
from being a
success
story.

Subcommittees

- Dyslexia, Jackie Baker
- Transition, Deana Czaban
- Autism, Veena Sajjan

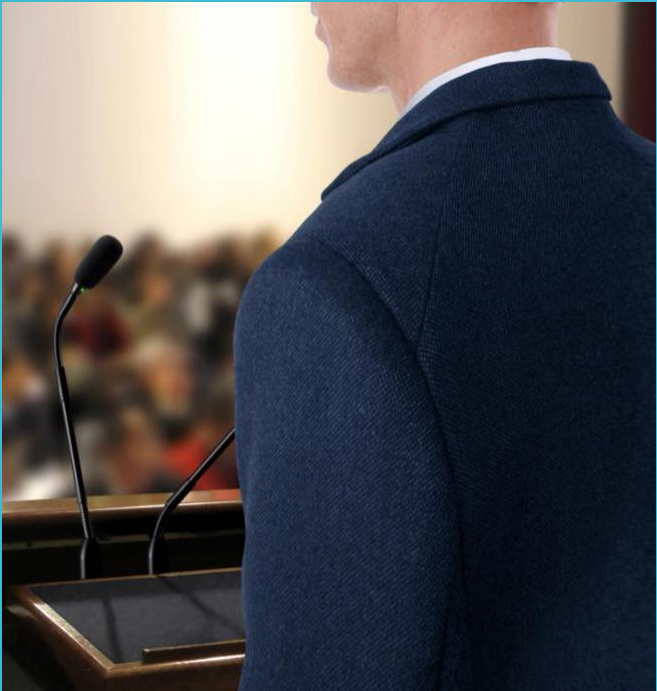
Focus Group

- Mental Health, Susan Grimes

Annual Awards Ceremony, Jodi Folta

Nominating Committee, Dr. Amy Elledge

Business



Public Comment Guideline Discussion

Should SEAC limit individuals to one public comment per meeting and amend the guidelines accordingly?

Business



SEAC Officer Candidate Slate

Per Bylaws:

- 3 members appointed by SEAC Chair
- Present slate of proposed officers at 3rd to last meeting of the year (March)
- Officers elected by membership at 2nd to last meeting of the year (April)
- New Officer terms begin immediately following April meeting
- All positions are 1-year terms (except Chair to Past-Chair)
- No member may serve in same office for more than two one-year terms if there's a desire to fill position

Thus, every officer needs to be re-elected.

2018-2019 Slate

- Vice Chair, Membership – Sharon Tropf
- Vice Chair, Communications – Dr. Amy Elledge
- Vice Chair, Planning – Shehnaz Khan
- Secretary – Alison McArthur
- Chair – Dr. Carol Williams-Nickelson (if no nominations from the floor)

Note that Immediate Past Chair is an automatic transition role (Lorraine Hightower or Carol Williams-Nickelson)

Nominations from the floor?

Unfinished Business



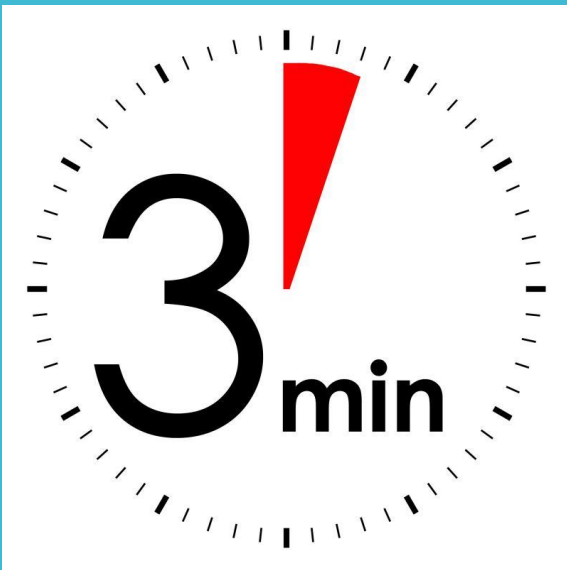
FOLLOW UP

Opportunity for response to March public comment by Director of Special Education

Reminder:

- *Public comments are used by SEAC to develop annual priorities, concerns and recommendations that are shared with the School Board and LCPS staff members.*
- *All public comments are recorded in the minutes for each SEAC meeting and referenced in SEAC's Annual Report to the School Board.*

Public Comment



Public Comment Process

- Hear public feedback to inform SEAC's work to advise School Board on unmet SPED needs
- **Focus on system-wide issues**, rather than individual concerns or specific situations (*please do not use student or staff names*)
- Verbal comment may be given, **with comment form completed and submitted tonight (please be sure to follow-up with SEAC Secretary with your written comment)**
- Written comment may be read by author or SEAC Chair
- Remarks limited to 3 minutes

TONIGHT'S PRESENTATION:

An Update on Autism Service Expansion

Presented by:

Dr. Joy Engstrom, Autism Supervisor

