Autism Sub-Committee Meeting held on 04/11/2018 at Brambleton Middle School

Attendees:
Core Committee members:
Lucy U Cora Nazario (Autism Specialist), Heidi Bunkua (parent), Diane Gibbs (parent), Veena Sajjan (parent)

Other attendees: Anne Marie Vedaa, Zoey Read

At the meeting in March, the committee had concurred that a basic level of competency in Autism, would be recommended to administrators (Principals, Assistant Principals, Deans). Working out the details of what this training could include, was going to be one of the main focus areas for the sub-committee.

At the April meeting, it was discussed that the training for all administrators could include the following categories:

1. Disability – Characteristics of Autism
2. Discipline Issues – how the deficits in social and executive functioning manifest as behaviors
3. IDEA
4. Overview of Inclusion
   - Define purposeful inclusion
   - Inclusive practices
   - Collaboration with general education teachers
5. On-boarding for new administrators, with a focus on basic knowledge of evidence-based practices

At the next meeting, the committee plans to work out the details of the training under the above categories.

The next meeting of the Autism sub-committee is on May 9th, at Brambleton Middle School, from 3:45 till 4:45 pm. While the meeting is open to public, the meeting will follow an agenda and public comment can be provided in writing, via email, or on paper at the meeting.