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SEAC Business Meeting  April 6, 2022
SEAC Leadership:

SEAC Chair: Sharon Tropf  
SEAC Vice Chair Planning: Shehnaz Khan  
SEAC Vice Chair Membership: Heidi Bunkua  
SEAC Vice Chair Communications: Craig Metz  
SEAC Secretary: Kathryn Rosenbrook

LCPS Staff Liaison: Dr. Patricia Nelson  
School Board Liaison: Andrew Hoyler  
School Board Liaison, Alternate: Atoosa Reaser

Introduction of SEAC Officers and Liaisons
THE ROLE OF SEAC AND VIRGINIA REGULATIONS

The Regulations Governing Special Education Programs for Children with Disabilities in Virginia reflect the state and federal requirements for the provision of special education and related services. The regulations mandate that an active SEAC exists, as well as specific functions of the SEAC, as specified by Section 8VAC20-81-230 D.2, which are as follows:

1. Advise the local school division of needs in the education of students with disabilities;
2. Participate in the development of priorities and strategies for meeting the identified needs of students with disabilities;
3. Submit periodic reports and recommendations regarding the education of students with disabilities to the division superintendent for transmission to the local school board;
4. Assist the local school division in interpreting plans to the community for meeting the special needs of students with disabilities for educational services;
5. Review the policies and procedures for the provision of special education and related services prior to submission to the local school board; and
6. Participate in the review of the local school division’s annual plan.

The Role of SEAC

Special Education Advisory Committee
Public Comment

• SEAC uses public feedback to inform our work to advise School Board on special education 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. **Please complete and submit comment form 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
• Review March 2, 2022, SEAC Meeting Minutes

Update:

• SEAC LCPS Webpage
  ~ SEAC Documents - outstanding
  ~ PTA Talking Points – new location
  ~ Subcommittee Agenda’s - new location
  ~ Public Comment Guidelines – Posted
  ~ SEAC By-Laws – Posted
Career and Technical Advisory Committee:

• SEAC member to serve on the committee
• Meetings are the 3rd Wednesday of each month
• April 20 at 8:30 am to 10:00 am

Location – In Person:
Broad Run High School (Library)
21670 Ashburn Rd
Ashburn, VA 20147
Reports and Updates

Investigating:
- Students being denied supports for After School Activities
- Independent Educational Evaluations as Public Expense (IEE)
- Meaningful Inclusion
- Addressing Escalating Student Behavior
  ~ Direct Support for Students
  ~ Trained Behavioral Aides
- “Team-Taught” Teaching Model
Reports and Updates

New Topics:

Jennifer Sassano, Resignation Letter
  ~ Prioritizing the Issues
  ~ Teacher and Student Retention/Safety

Speech Therapy Services
  ~ Services being cut
  ~ Eligibility being denied
  ~ Using VDOE guidance to deny services
  ~ Caps on Services?

Budget Reconciliation Concerns:
  ~ Reducing special education teaching positions
  ~ Combining Programs
  ~ CAST at Academies of Loudoun
  ~ Virtual Elementary School
SEAC Annual Awards
• 130 Nominations
• Ceremony – Riverside HS
  June 1, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.
• Retractable Banner in Progress

SEAC Annual Survey
• 2020-21 SY Survey Question Feedback Received from the Office of Special Education
• Executive Committee - Review Process
• 2021-22 SY Survey Release Targeted – April 29
2020-21 SEAC Annual Report

• Lack of Funding has impacted data analysis
• Report in Development
• Supplemental Reports – Completing Accessibility
• Quarterly Report to the School Board, April 26
State SEAC:

- Diploma Options – Gap for Students
- Special Education Teacher Retention
- Vision – Need for TVI’s and O & M
  ~ Related training on Braille
- Local SEAC Membership and Training
- Region 4 Parent Representative
- Federal Relief funding.

Dr. Hollins noted the importance of data to inform appropriate uses of the funds to design instructional supports and provide more educational opportunities to close gaps. Consider this a one time “shot in the arm” to address such gaps. CARES Act funding included special education funding to all school divisions based on the 2019 December 1 count (count prior to the pandemic). Working to extend the draw down from 2024 to 2026.

- PEATC: Increase in calls - Eligibility, Transition to Adulthood, Dispute Resolution calls.
SEAC Chair Report

Executive Committee

• Tonight at 8:30 – Clyde’s at Willow Creek
  ~ 22-23 SY Presentation Topics
  ~ Annual Survey
  ~ SEAC Awards
  ~ SEAC Reports

• Nominating Committee Report
  ~ Jeannine Pepper
  ~ Nancy Walker
  ~ Shehnaz Khan
Membership

PTA/PTO Representatives and Member Training

- 42 Schools with PTA/PTO Representatives (95 are needed)
- 17 voting members - 4 open membership
  ~ Welcome 2 new members
  ~ Lakshmi Raghavan
  ~ Elizabeth Bayard

Membership application and SEAC bylaws are on the LCPS website on the SEAC page
Chair Report

1. Policy and Compliance Committee, Shehnaz Khan
   ~ Gathering community input on Team Teaching
   ~ Review IEE Updated Guidance
   ~ Policy 8220, Student Disciplinary Consequences

2. Specialized Programs
   ~ Specialized Reading, Lorraine Hightower
   ~ Transition, Heidi Bunkua
   ~ Discipline Committee
     ~ Equity Committee
     ~ Specialized Programs
     ~ Policy and Compliance Committee, Shehnaz Khan

Subcommittee Reports
How Do I Contact Parent Resource Services?

- Loudoun County Public School Administrative Building
  21000 Education Court, Ashburn, VA 20148
- 571-252-6540
- Leanne Kidwell – Leanne.Kidwell@lcps.org
- Lcps.org/ParentResourceServices
- Like Us on Facebook: LCPS Parent Resource Services
- Follow Us on Twitter: @LCPS_PRS
Loudoun County Public Schools
Department of Student Services
Mental Health & Wellness
Parent Series

How Parents Can Help Their Students
Launch into Life After High School
Virtual Workshop
Thursday, April 28, 2022
6:30 PM—8:00 PM

This parent workshop will explore different paths students may take after high school, while addressing challenges that may arise through this transition. The workshop focuses on empowering caregivers with resources and information as they support students on the journey toward emerging adulthood.

Topics Discussed Include:

♦ Different career and college paths after high school.
♦ Impact of the pandemic on the preparation for life after high school.
♦ Emerging Adult: What’s that?
♦ Parent Self-Care.

Registration is required.
To register and submit questions: https://bit.ly/3JxRsJ4
A link to the workshop will be sent the day of the workshop.

Parent Resource Services
https://bit.ly/3uZK0J
571-252-6540

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May 4, 2022, 6 p.m.

SEAC Presentation & Meeting

SEAC Input: Development of the Division-wide Equity Statement
Reports
Updates
and
Announcements

School Board Liaison, Andrew Hoyler

• The School Board meets at 4:00 every second and fourth Tuesdays.
• The public can visit the School Board page on the LCPS website to see a listing of emails and phone numbers for their individual district representative along with the At-Large. The entire Board can be emailed at lcsb@lcps.org.
Reports
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Office of Special Education
Dr. Patricia Nelson, Director of Special Education

Department of Student Services
Dr. Asia Jones, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services
Old Business:

New Business:
Thank you!