



LOUDOUN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Ad Hoc Committee on Special Education
Beth Huck, Chair

SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES

Thursday, October 18, 2018, 3:30 p.m.

Committee members and alternates present: Beth Huck, Chair; Brenda Sheridan, Board member; Debbie Rose, Board member; Asia Jones, assistant superintendent, Pupil Services; Suzanne Jimenez, director, special education, staff liaison; Donna Smith, special education supervisor; Joy Engstrom, special education supervisor; Megan Wagner, special education supervisor alternate; Toni DeLuca Evans, special education supervisor alternate; Bridget Gorey, special education supervisor alternate; Doug Anderson, principal; Beth Robinson, principal; Lori Mercer, principal; Kirk Dolson, principal alternate; Deana Czaban, parent; Jill Pope, parent; Chris Croll, Gifted Services; Craig Metz, SEAC; Shehnaz Khan, SEAC; Lorraine Hightower, SEAC past-chair; Sharon Trof, SEAC past-vice chair; Karen Berlin, BCBA

Absent: Heidi Smith, principal alternate; Bridget Beichler, principal alternate; Nikki McMahon; parent; VonEnde Coleman, MSAAC

- I. **Approval of Minutes.** Craig Metz addressed correction to the Public Comment from October 4. Ms. Huck stated that changes had been made. Ms. Czaban made the motion to approve. Ms. Rose seconded the motion. The Minutes were approved 18-0-2 (absent: Nicki McMahon, parent; VonEnde Coleman, MSAAC).
- II. **Public Comment.** Jennifer Vernon. Ms. Vernon provided public comment on restraint and seclusion. She shared her experience and advocated for the elimination of restraint and seclusion in school and proposed the consideration of alternatives.
- III. **Presentation.** The Committee reviewed the proposed draft Regulations for Restraint and Seclusion with revisions to reflect input from the Committee. Ms. Huck provided members with a one-week extension to allow for additional input and asked that all members send their input by email to Dr. Jimenez. Discussion included input from members seeking more feedback from additional members, a request for a companion document to memorialize the changes for ease of review, and a discussion on the advisability of maintaining seclusion as a permitted practice in LCPS. The Committee considered a variety of perspectives to inform the decision-making about the proposed Regulations as well as the overall practice. Dr. Jones shared that the proposed Policy on Restraint and Seclusion as well as the draft Guidelines for Classroom Observation will be reviewed at the November 8 meeting.

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- IV. **Next Steps.** Ms. Huck shared that she will send committee members a survey to complete to assist in planning for subcommittees and focus groups. The Committee will continue to work toward recommendations to the Board by November 30 with additional work planned for the remainder of the expected term until June 2019.

- V. **Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 5:16 p.m.