



SCHOOL BOARD

LOUDOUN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Ad Hoc Committee on Special Education
Beth Huck, Chair

MINUTES

Thursday, November 8, 2018, 3:30 p.m.

Committee members and alternates present: Beth Huck, Chair; Brenda Sheridan, Board member; Asia Jones, assistant superintendent, Pupil Services; 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; Nikki McMahon, parent; Chris Croll, Gifted Services; Craig Metz, SEAC; Lorraine Hightower; Shehnaz Khan, SEAC; Michele Leffler, MSAAC

Other Board members and staff present: Michael Richards, Chief of Staff

Absent: Debbie Rose, Board member; Suzanne Jimenez, director, special education, staff liaison; Bridget Beicher, principal alternate; Jill Pope, parent; Sharon Tropf, SEAC past-vice chair; Karen Berlin, BCBA

- I. **Approval of Minutes.** The Committee reviewed Minutes from the meeting held on October 18, 2018. Ms. Sheridan made the motion to approve. Ms. Croll seconded the motion. The Minutes were approved 14-0-5; Ms. Khan arrived following the vote (absent: Debbie Rose, Board member; Suzanne Jimenez, director, special education, staff liaison; Jill Pope, parent; Sharon Tropf, SEAC past-vice chair; and Karen Berlin, BCBA).

- II. **Public Comment.** No public comment.

- III. **Presentation.**
Dr. Jones introduced Kimberly Sanders from Grafton School for a presentation on Ukeru, a Restraint-Free Crisis Management approach. Ukeru includes the use of de-escalation techniques as well as blocking pads and emphasizes student and staff safety. Grafton uses both Mandt and Ukeru and finds that the combination has reduced injuries and promoted a calm approach for managing crisis situations.

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- IV. Next Steps.** New MSAAC representative, Michele Leffler, was introduced. Dr. Jones provided the final draft of the Regulations for Restraint and Seclusion and thanked committee members for their input. SEAC has requested a presentation on an overview of Restraint and Seclusion and clarification of definitions which will be provided on December 5. Ms. Huck shared that the survey for subgroups was complete and 15 members participated. The subgroups will each be composed of one (1) Board member, one (1) SEAC representative, one (1) parent, and one (1) staff member. The subgroups will address the identified priorities of consistency, communication, and community involvement. Effective December 1, the Ad Hoc Committee will meet once per month for two hours with subgroup breakout sessions for 50 minutes to an hour of each meeting. The Board will only vote on policies with the earliest policy action in January to allow SEAC ample time for review and input. A discussion of the positive role of the school resource officer (SRO)/law enforcement included the appreciation for the positive role that they contribute.

The next meeting will be held on November 19 from 4:30-6:00 p.m. in Room 102 A/B.

- V. Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.