



## Special Education Advisory Committee PTA/PTO Talking Points

LCPS Administrative Building, 21000 Education Court, Ashburn, Virginia 20148

SEAC Sponsored Presentation: 6:00 -7:10 p.m., Business Meeting 7:15 to 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 1, 2023 - [Livestream](#)

**Opening Remarks:** Dr. Daniel Smith, Acting Superintendent

**Presentation:** Meeting the Learning Needs of Twice Exceptional Learners

**Presenters:** Ms. Jenna Conlee, Gifted Specialist for Henrico County Public Schools  
Dr. Sarah Slaughter, Intervention Specialist for Exceptional Learners

### **Business Meeting**

#### **1. Public Comment**

- Mariah Rustaich-Concerns of staffing for Autism programs especially at Leesburg Elementary. She wants to ensure that we do not lose great teachers due to overwhelming caseloads.
- Lisa Williams. Concerns about services being provided and the length of time it took for her partial consent to be accepted. She has asked for CALT to be considered for specialized instruction for reading deficits. She also, provided her daughter's voice to be shared and how she felt about the help she is receiving from her CALT as compared to her teachers at school.
- Erin Poe- Emailed public comment, read by SEAC Chair. Advocating for services being provided to high school students working toward an Advanced Diploma. LCPS is not staying current with understanding VDOE testing accommodations which can impact earning the Advanced Diploma and could be considered a denial of FAPE.

#### **2. Old Business – None**

#### **3. New Business: Policy and Compliance Subcommittee**

- Review Draft Policy 6350 Wireless Network Facility Coalition, no recommendations from the subcommittee for SEAC membership to consider. No recommendations from the floor. Passed unanimously.

#### **4. Reports and Updates**

- **Nominating Committee** - Please contact Carla Sola and Nancy Walker to express interest in leadership positions.
- **March Observations:** National Disabilities Awareness Month and Dyslexia Awareness Month

##### **a. Executive Committee**

- **SEAC Awards Date June 6<sup>th</sup>** - Award Nominations window is now open [2023 Nomination Form](#)

- **2021-22 SY Survey Data:** Published at the end of March.
- **Quarterly Report to the School Board** - March 14, 2023
- PTA/PTO Representatives: 71 Schools with Representatives (25 outstanding)
- SEAC Membership: 19 voting members (2 openings), 1 submitted application.
- 3 new SEAC members approved by the School Board, welcome Zina Belharet, Jennifer DiDonato, and Lisa Williams

**b. Subcommittees**

- Policy and Compliance, Team teaching, Capping of Services, Review Updated IEE Guidelines, Student Behavior, no new policy reviews just yet.
- Specialized Reading,
  - i. Next workshop meeting is March 7, 2023, working with LCPS: [Register Here](#)
  - ii. March 15, 2023, regular meeting for subcommittee. Topics include effective literacy screening tools, progress monitoring tools, specialized literacy interventions, updated instructional match matrix, specialized math interventions.
- Transition,
  - i. Discussed Schoology Transition group, CAST/SOS programs.
  - ii. Next meeting March 23, 2023
- Meaningful Inclusion,
  - i. Met February 28<sup>th</sup> to discuss Universal Design for Learning. Discussed that it is the very similar to Personalized Learning, obstacles to implementation, and will be working to address those obstacles.
  - ii. Upcoming meeting TBD

**c. Parent Resource Services, Leanne Kidwell**

- Messages of Behavior (March 1, 2023) [Register Here](#)
- Substance Use Trends: How Parents Can Help w/Preventions & Early Interventions (3/8/23) [Register Here](#)
- Diploma Options & Graduation Requirements for Students for Students w/IEP's (3/9/23) [Register Here](#)
- Culture Identity & Mental Health (March 16, 2023) [Register Here](#)
- Summer Activities Resource Fair (3/18/23) [Register Here](#)
- Strategies for Parents: Connecting w/Our Kids (3/23/23) [Register Here](#)
- All workshops are listed on our webpage. [Parent Resource Services](#)

**d. School Board Liaison, Ms. Tiffany Polifko**

Ms. Polifko visited Hillside Elementary School and visited the ECSE and ED classrooms. She had a great visit and saw wonderful teachers and assistants who have great relationships with their students. She did hear concerns about a lack of behavioral systems for ECSE students. She shared information regarding Policies 8215, 8260, and 7530 (didn't include mental abuse and went back to committee).

e. **Office of Special Education and the Department of Student Services**

Special Education Department, Tedra Richardson, Director of Special Education, Specialized Instruction

Welcomes 3 new SEAC members. Recognized Parent Resource Services presentation of *When the Bus Stops Coming*. Provide an overview of the Annual Plan Application process for Federal Funds for 2023-2024. The detailed plan will be shared with SEAC Chair to share with membership. Information was provided to SPED Designees on COVID recovery and compensatory services, there should be a review of data from 2019 to 2020. Contact Office of Special Education for further review of services.

- Current teachervacancy data:

	Teachers	Teacher Assistants
Elementary	9	14
Middle	6	7
High	11	29

- Pre-IB information presented by Katie Clark. The Pre-IB program is in alignment with the strategic plan, connects to Action 1.1, 1.2. Implementation timeline: 23/24 SY will be the 1<sup>st</sup> year of Pre IB, fully implemented by 25/26 SY. An overview of program, the IB learner profile, and the lottery acceptance process. The lottery applies to those students that live out of the Heritage and Loudoun Valley school zones. There is a multi-tiered communication process of acceptance and are no criteria for students to be entered into the lottery.

**Next SEAC meeting: April 12, 2023, SEAC Business Meeting and Subcommittees Work Sessions**

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