



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, February 8, 2023 - [Livestream](#)

Presentation: Writing SMART IEP Goals, Interactive Workshop

Presenter: Kathleen Gibson, PEATC, Early Childhood Specialist

Business Meeting

1. Public Comment

- a. Liz Crotty. The gap between ECSE standards and published VDOE guidelines to properly identify the needs of preschool students, and the implementation and measurement of pre-academic standards.
- b. Lisa Williams. Concerns with how the IEP process does not represents her daughter well, concerns about lack of access to SIF-Rs and SIF-Ms, difficulty accessing data and interpretations, administrators who aren't trained in facilitation.

2. Old Business

a. Policy and Compliance Subcommittee

1. Review of Draft Policy 8640, Disclosure of Personally Identifiable Information, presented by SEAC PTA Representative Jennifer DiDonato, a professional with certifications in privacy and technology. This topic is very important to children with disabilities because they have specific needs for privacy. The reviewed draft does not meet the needs of students with disabilities and align with the strategic plan.
 - a. Recommendation 3 amended to include coverage for subcontractors, Unanimous consent.
 - b. Recommendation 12 added to prohibit LCPS from selling data Unanimous consent.
 - c. Recommendations 1-12 passed as a slate by Unanimous consent.

2. Budget

- a. Concerns regarding the elimination of Virtual Loudoun Elementary for the Special Education Community
- b. FTE questions, concerned about which schools or groups of schools would be impacted proposed reductions, reductions in the number of OTs, SLPs, PTs to levels lower than previous years with more students, with these proposed reductions will this meet maintenance of effort requirement? One of SEAC's top priorities is staffing and having enough related service providers and people in the classroom working directly with our students.

3. Reports and Updates

- Need 3 members to serve on committees gifted, equity, technical and advisory,
- All 22-23 SY community concerns have been given to applicable subcommittees to address.

a. Executive Committee

- **SEAC Awards Date June 6th** - Award Nominations will open - End of February
- Reviewed survey and data with Dr. Winsler, will publish Annual SEAC Survey at the end of March
- Nominating Committee has been formed (Carla Sola and Nancy Walker),
- PTA/PTO Representatives: 69 Schools with Representatives (27 outstanding)
- SEAC Membership: 17 voting members (4 openings), 1 submitted application, 3 possible pending

b. Subcommittees

- Policy and Compliance, Team teaching, Capping of Services, Review Updated IEE Guidelines, Student Behavior, no new policy reviews just yet
- Specialized Reading met January 18th, next meeting will be February 15th at 5pm, next collaborative work session on March 7th at 11:30am at admin building.
- Transition, next meeting February 23, 2023
- Meaningful Inclusion, Met January 24th discussed After-school activities, language to be added to activity notifications, proactive communication with case managers, look further into the PEER programs, notification of sensory issues at events, roll out of Meaningful Inclusion Recognition [Submit your submissions here](#)
 - i. Next meeting is February 28th at 6 pm, Topic: Universal Design for Learning

c. Parent Resource Services, Leanne Kidwell.

- Eating Disorders Feb 23, at the Admin Building. [Register Here](#)
- When the Bus Stops Coming, Feb 25 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Admin Building - Big event for all parents who have students who will require additional supports not just high schoolers in their last few years. [Register Here](#)
- March 18 from 9 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Summer Activity Resource Fair.
- Tutoring list compilation is almost complete.
- All workshops are listed on our webpage. [Parent Resource Services](#)

d. School Board Liaison, Ms. Tiffany Polifko,

Thank you to parents who made public comments and appreciate parents speaking for their children. Started school visits, visited an ECSE classroom and enjoyed working hands-on with students. Looking forward to more visits to Special Education classrooms. Wants to listen to teachers and aides get to know, learn what their needs are, will be visiting Hillside and Moorefield Station this month. She recommends that parents continue to advocate for their students. She directs people to contact their school's administration and call for an IEP meeting anytime they want. She wants to deliver a thank you from Ms. Erika Ogedegbe, she

appreciated SEAC's detailed feedback for Policy 8215 In-School Discipline. She made sure that SEAC's feedback was incorporated into the policy.

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

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

- Current vacancy data:

	Teachers	Teacher Assistants	Behavior Assistants	Job Coaching
Elementary	8	9		
Middle	6	6	1	
High	11	25	1	5

- Appreciate any teacher referrals that might come from the community.
- Response to FCPS OCR Findings - LCPS Provision of Recovery/Compensatory Education, LCPS services during Covid, OSE provided a timeline of what LCPS provided during the pandemic period. It was challenging to look at the details, ask all to be thoughtful about the human experience that we all went through. If you have questions, you can reach out to Office of Special Education.
- Inclusive practices survey will be forthcoming
- Next meeting: Continue to give monthly openings update, Pre-IB workgroup update, overview of Annual Plan application for Federal Funds update

Department of Student Services, Dr. Asia Jones, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services.

- Expressed appreciation for continued advocacy to support specialized programs including before the board during the budget process, we are committed to protect staffing standard to support inclusive and self-contained programs, information regarding staffing standard is online.

Department of Instruction, Denise Soukup.

- **Virtual Distance Learning** will be a continued offering for grades 6-12, there is an application process, which asks, "why is this the academic best fit for your student?" Many reasons this might be the case for students such as: have IEPs, students who benefit from universal accommodations (closed captioning), sensory preference differences, mental wellness, medical needs. Very engaging staff and supportive team of special educators. Explore our website: www.lcps.org/distancelearning application open until April 28th.

Next SEAC presentation: March 1, 2023 at 6:00 p.m., Meeting the Needs of Twice Exceptional Learners

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