

**Fairfax County Advisory Committee for Students with Disabilities (ACSD)
Meeting Minutes
June 12, 2019**

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m.

Members Present

Member Name		Member Name		Member Name	
Darcy Acquavella (City of Fairfax School Board)	P	Jeanne Frost (Fairfax Co. Health Dept.)	R	Connie Lorentzen** (Mount Vernon District)	P
Laura Allen (Region 5)	E	Meghan Gray (Lee District)	E	Linda Mason (Higher Education)	
Joe Alston (Member-at-Large Moon)		Rachna Heizer (Member-at-Large Keys-Gamarra)	P	Darcy Mills (Student Rep)	
Michael Beattie (Disability Services Bd.)		Harry Henderson (Mason District)		Phara Rodrigue (Region 3)	E
Cheri Belkowitz* (Springfield District)	P	Elizabeth John (Dranesville District)	P	Joanne Walton (Region 4)	P
Jessica Bradley Fairfax County Federation of Citizens)		Melissa Johnson (Faculty)	P	Ann-Marie Ward (FCCPTA)	P
Michelle Cades (Special Education PTA)	P	Paul Keiser (Region 1)	P	Cathy White (Transition Services)	P
Brandon Cassady (Hunter Mill District)	P	Andrienne Konstas (League of Women Voters)		Jane Wilson (Braddock District)	
Sandi Dallhoff *** (Neigh. & Comm. Services)	P	Toby Latham*** (Assistive Technology)	E	Cindy Woodcock (Preschool)	
Susan Edgerton (POAC)	P	Erin Lauer (Fairfax/Falls Church CSB)	P	Niki Zimmerman (Region 2)	P
Judy Farabaugh (Member-at-Large McElveen)	E				

***Committee Chair(s) **Vice-Chair *** Committee Secretary**
P = Present E = Excused Absence R = Resigned

FCPS Staff Present

- Teresa Johnson, Department of Special Services (Absent)
- Jane Strong, Director Office of Special Education Procedural Support (Absent)
- Mary Beth Harrison-Cunningham, Parent Resource Center
- Mike Bloom, Acting Director, OSEI

School Board Member: Elizabeth Schultz (not present)

Agenda & Minutes

- Connie Lorentzen presented minutes. Joanne Walton moved to approve the minutes Ann-Marie Ward seconded the motion. Motion to mark Susan Edgerton and Nikki Zimmerman as present and Erin Lauer as Excused. Motion passed; minutes were approved as amended with unanimous vote.
- Connie Lorentzen introduced the agenda. Susan Edgerton moved to approve the agenda; motion was seconded by Joanne Walton. Motion to add an update on the ACSD Meet and greet to new business. Motion passed as amended by unanimous vote.

Public Comment

- Amanda Campbell – Thanked the ACSD for hosting the meet and greet, great opportunity for parents to be heard. Lots of great comments and notes. Spoke on the SPED amendments at board meeting. Approved review of staffing rations in SPED. Wants to reiterate importance of FCPS looking to speech services.

PRC Update

- Completed all of our workshops for year. PRC is open during the summer and is available to support families.
- Summer is spent gearing up for school year, getting information out and preparing packets for back to school night on PRC

Special Education Update – Presented by Mike Bloom

- Mike Bloom
 - Teresa wanted to share that we need an ACSD rep to seclusion task force. Cheri let him know that we have the covered and will be in touch with the name
 - Special Education Parent handbook is being updated, edits are complete and being reviewed
 - No update at this time on updates to the CSTARS program
 - Comment made by Joanne Walton on the desire to add a signature line to the IEP for a partial agreement
 - Twice Exceptional Handbook has been reviewed and is ready for distribution! Distribution plan is being developed to include having staff preview it

Report of the Annual Report to the ACSD:

- Report went well. Will be available online as well as the report out being available on the FCPS YouTube channel.
- Cheri provided some feedback given by some of the school board members
- Next steps – FCPS staff provide a response to recommendations typically by the end of August.

New Business

- **Bylaws Revision**
 - Discussion ensued around the recommended revisions to the bylaws
 - Motion made by Brandon Cassady to approve the proposed Bylaws to include the discussed amendments. Vote ensued; motion passed unanimously.

- Bylaws will need to go to FCPS Legal for final approval by the district.

ACSD Retreat

- Scheduled for Sept 14th, at the PRC. This will be in place of our regularly scheduled September meeting.

Update on ACSD Meet & Greet

- Thank you to FCPS for the staff support
- Tried to capture how individuals heard about it. Look for ways to improve the advertising of the event
- Great feedback was received, parents were very forthcoming and appreciated the chance to be heard
- Will look for opportunities to do it again in the Fall
- Joanne mentioned that next year she would have facilitator instructions typed up to make it easier for facilitators
- Appreciation shared regarding the support provided by ACSD members
- As a result of some conversations at the event, follow up was able to be provided after from central office which led to some positive outcomes.
- Having central staff available was very helpful, would like to see that support continued for the next event

Election of FY 2019-2020 Officers

- Slate was presented by Joanne Walton from the Nominating Committee:
 - Nominations for Chair – Cheri Belkowitz
 - Nominations for Vice Chair – Connie Lorentzen
 - Nominations for Corresponding Secretary – Sandi Dallhoff
 - Nominations for Recording Secretary – Ann Marie Ward

It was asked if there were any nominations from the floor

- No nominations were presented from the floor

Ballot vote was conducted

The following Officer committee was selected by unanimous vote:

- Chair – Cheri Belkowitz
- Vice Chair – Connie Lorentzen
- Corresponding Secretary – Sandi Dallhoff
- Recording Secretary – Ann Marie Ward

New Business:

- City Center NOVA is hosting an event Saturday June 15th at Christ Church
- Including Adults in the Community conference June 29th 8:30-12:30 at the government center
- Community Sensory Day @ Mason District Police Station Saturday June 22nd
- Melee Wrestling Tournament on June 22nd in honor of an individual with OCD
- SEPTA is working on an ice cream community social for August, details will be forthcoming

Meeting adjourned: 8:53pm