

**Fairfax County Advisory Committee for Students with Disabilities (ACSD)
Meeting Minutes
October 11, 2017**

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm. The October agenda and May's meeting minutes could not be adopted.

Members Present:

Member Name		Member Name		Member Name	
Rischawn Adkins Roane		Adrienne Konstas	P		
Diane Allen	P	Toby Latham	P		
Michael Beattie		Connie Lorentzen	P		
Cheri Belkowitz**	P	Katie Malesky	E		
Brandon Cassady	P	Linda Mason	P		
Theresa Simonds Casselman		Jessica Mayo	E		
Sandi Dallhoff	P	Michael Montante	P		
Susan Edgerton	P				
Lisa Anne Fagan	P	Jennifer Vladyka	E		
Judy Farabaugh	P	Jane Wilson	P		
Meghan Gray	P	Cindy Woodcock	P		
Rachna Heizer	P	Jenn Wright			
Harry Henderson					
Melissa Johnson	P				
Sajjad Khan**	P				

- **Committee Chairs** ****Vice-Chair** ***** Committee Secretary** **P = Present** **E = Excused**
R = Resigned

FCPS Staff Present: Teresa Johnson, Jane Strong, Irene Meier, Nicki Conners, Mike Bloom, Mary Beth Harrison Cunningham

FCPS School Board Member: None

Board Member Liaison Report: None

Guests: None

Minutes: Lisa Fagan made a motion to approve the September minutes, Judy Farabaugh 2nd the motion. September minutes were approved, MSPU. Additionally, Lisa Fagan made a motion to approve the June minutes and September Agenda and Judy Farabaugh 2nd the motion. June minutes and September Agenda were approved, MSPU.

Public Comment: none.

Special Education Update:

- Oct 21 – Mental health and wellness conference
- Jane Strong gave a presentation on 'IEP focus groups: Revision of LRE and Services' – they are working on a possible redesign of 2 forms focusing parents on inclusive services for students with disabilities. The hope is to focus the team on General Education options first. They will be conducting 2 focus groups to gain feedback. Timeline: Fall 2017- Finalized Design; Winter 2017- Development in SEA STARS; Summer/Fall 2018- deploy roll out and training

- Nicki Conners gave a presentation on the 'Virtual VIP Conference- supporting Inclusive practices for students with disabilities'. Hosting it as a virtual conference proved to be very successful; 1,586 total participants (largest number to date), 129 facilitators, 73 paraprofessionals facilitated (57%). All Modules are archived on the Virtual VIP website. Conference received overwhelming positive feedback from those that attended
- Mike Bloom gave a presentation on the work of the Inclusion Taskforce 'Promoting a culture of Inclusive Education for ALL students'. He provided some of the ACSD's 2016-2017 Recommendations that the Taskforce will be following up on:
 - Expand the workgroup to include additional members
 - Develop a division-wide definition of inclusion
 - Develop and inclusion Quality Indicators assessment tool
 - Enhance the FCPS Public and Intranet inclusion websites
 - Continue to make recommendation for revisions to the current *Services* and *LRE* pages of the IEP
 - Offer professional development workshops to parents through the PRC
 - Create professional development opportunities to help teachers and staff use the new IEP form and meeting agenda
 - Continue to provide professional development regarding decision making for students regarding accessing inclusive settings
 - Continue to provide professional development for the implementation of best practices
 - Continue to offer a compass course for building administrator focused on best practices in special education
 - Continue to offer professional development to instructional staff on executive functioning and how to embed within core academic classes
 - Continue to offer the Academy course "Executive Functioning in the Secondary Classroom" during both semester of the school year.

At the All County Principal Meeting on Oct 5, they provided a learning circle for principals to highlight the inclusive best practices seen at 4 schools with other principals. This concept will be replicated at the Assistant Principals meeting.

Parent Resource Center Update:

- Beginning in November, the PRC will be open until 7pm on the 2nd Tuesday of each month to try and be more available for parents who are not able to go during the day.
- Mary Beth emailed all of the session flyers to ACSD member to make for easier distribution of the flyers.
- Workshops have been going well and have been well attended
- Dyslexia open house will be October 27th in honor of Dyslexia awareness month.

New Business:

- Sped Conference is April 21st Judy needs another member to join the first class awards committee with her. Submissions for First Class awards are Due Feb 1
- Rachna Heizer made a motion to have an unmet needs subcommittee this year to look at concerns that aren't related to the charge at hand. Connie Lorentzen 2nd the motion. Discussion ensued on how such a committee would determine if an unmet need is system wide vs. individual or school specific. Judy called the question. Vote carried. Motion was voted on Cindy Woodstock, Judy Farabaugh, Lisa Fagan Melissa Johnson opposed, all others were in favor, Motion passed.
- Connie made a motion to form a budget subcommittee, Michael Montante 2nd the motion. Discussion ensued. Judy called the questions. Passed unanimously. Motion was put to a vote. Judy and Lisa Abstained. Motion passed
- ARC is hosting a presentation October 12th from 10-12 on Strategies for developing healthy relationships. Two students from the LIFE program at Mason will be presenting.
- Woodson Highschool's football coach is coaching the champion football league Saturday's from 12-1 at Woodson, Woodson football players are volunteering

- Judy put in a reminder that if you need any additional information for your subcommittee i.e. speakers, specific information or additional meeting times, it needs to go through the chairs.

Establishment of Subcommittees:

- **4 subcommittees and current membership:**
 - **Follow-up Committee** – Judy Farabaugh, Sajjad Khan, Cheri Belkowitz
 - **Unmet needs Committee** – Michael Montante, Toby Latham (chair), Meghan Gray, Brandon Cassady
 - **Prek-6 Inclusion Charge Committee** – Cindy Woodcock (chair), Melissa Johnson, Meghan Gray, Toby Latham, Lisa Fagan
 - **Secondary Inclusion Charge Subcommittee** – Rachna Heizer (co-chair), Connie Lorentzen (co-chair), Jane Wilson, Susan Edgerton, Diane Allen, Linda Mason, Brandon Cassady, Sandi Dallhoff
 - **Budget sub-committee** – Connie Lorentzen (chair), Melissa Johnson, Michael Montante

2016-2017 School Board Charge: The committee should examine practices throughout the school division related to providing services at the building level for students with disabilities in grades preK-12 for the purposes of maximizing inclusion in educating students with disabilities in their base school.

- Examine how students with disabilities are making progress in the general education curriculum (IDEA, 2004). Explore “progress” as supported by, at a minimum, student growth progression, cohort progression, national data and parental goals.
- Examine current FCPS staffing practices and facility adequacy and limitations to evaluate efficacy in delivering services at the building level while meeting the needs of a diverse population of students with disabilities in grades pre-K-12 with current composition of FCPS facilities.

Adjournment: 8:43 pm

Next ACSD meeting: November 8, 2017 at 7pm

Minutes submitted by: Sandi Dallhoff

Handout 1: The Special Education Update, October 2017

Handout 2: Advisory Committee for Students with Disabilities Subcommittee Duties