

Advisory Committee for Students with Disabilities

Date: November 13, 2024

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: 8270 Willow Oaks Corporate Drive, Fairfax, Virginia 22031

Time	Agenda Item	Person(s) Responsible
7:30 p.m.	Call to Order Validation of Quorum Approval of Minutes and Adoption of Agenda	Elizabeth Zielinski, Chair
7:35 p.m.	General Announcements	Elizabeth Zielinski, Chair
7:40 p.m.	Public Comment Members of the public are reminded that comments must be limited to three minutes speaking time. The Chair may limit the number of speaking slots available depending on the time requirements of the meeting agenda.	Holly Stearns, Vice Chair
7:55 p.m.	Family Resource Center News	Shannon Anderson Manager, Family Resource Center
8:00 p.m.	School Board Liaison Report	Rachna Sizemore-Heizer School Board Liaison to the ACSD
8:15 p.m.	Department of Special Services (DSS) Update	Mike Bloom Director, Special Education Instruction
8:30 p.m.	Old Business Subcommittee Reports Policy Review Assignments	Elizabeth Zielinski, Chair Subcommittee Chairs
8:40 p.m.	New Business January Town Hall Meeting	Elizabeth Zielinski, Chair
8:45 p.m.	Member Time	Holly Stearns, Vice Chair
8:55 p.m.	Summary of Action Items Adjournment	Elizabeth Zielinski, Chair

Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 11, 2024.

The functions of the local advisory committee shall be as follows (8VAC20-81-230(D)):

- Advise the local school division of needs in the education of children with disabilities;
- Participate in the development of priorities and strategies for meeting the identified needs of children with disabilities;
- **Submit** periodic reports and recommendations regarding the education of children with disabilities to the division superintendent for transmission to the local school board;
- Assist the local school division in interpreting plans to the community for meeting the special needs of children
 with disabilities for educational services;
- Review the policies and procedures for the provision of special education and related services prior to submission to the local school board; and
- Participate in the review of the local school division's annual plan, as outlined in subdivision B 2 of this section.

2024-25 Annual Charge from the School Board

The ACSD will study and make recommendations for increasing disability-affirming practices in school communities and encouraging a strengths-based approach to educating students with disabilities and learning differences.

Anyone needing accommodations for a disability to attend or participate in this FCPS activity should call (703) 204-3941, TTY (703) 204-3956. Calls should be made seven days prior to the activity so that appropriate arrangement can be made. Meetings are cancelled if school or evening activities are cancelled due to weather.