

**Advisory Committee for Students with Disabilities**  
**January 13, 2010**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:38 pm. Motion to approve the minutes was seconded. Discussion ensued. Motion to approve the minutes passed as amended. The agenda was approved as amended.

**Members Present:** Jessica Ackerman, Sheree Brown-Kaplan, Scott Campbell, Lisa Costantini, Sandi Dallhoff, Lisa Fagan (co-chair), Laura Gerke, Claire Gesalman, Kelly Greenwood, Kim Koffsky, Angelica Lower, Marjorie Lynum, Beka Martinez, Irene Moore, Maureen Nameroff (co-chair), Allan Phillips, Susan Pleskow, Joan Rizek, Carmen Sanchez, Jo Ann Skinner, Patricia Trahan, Lynn Wiley.

**Members Excused:** Albert Alvarez, Gen Coffman, Judy Farabaugh, Jeff Nolan, Connie Lorentzen, Philip Pedlikin, Lisa Taylor.

**Staff Present:** Kim Dockery, Gail Holloman, Debra Tucker.

**Guests Present:** Debra Ryan, Beth Johnson, Beth Barelli.

**Public Comment:** Debra Ryan stated that Westfield High School is not implementing her son's IEP, not providing him accommodations, and will not remediate his "data work sample." See Appendix 1.

**Staff Updates and Announcements:**

- \* Gail Holloman presented the Special Education Update(see Appendix 2). Parent requested workshops on Behavior Intervention strategies will be held this month; Sibshops are back; **Parent and Educators Resource Conference -- March 20 Lee High School:** Jonathan Mooney and Kurt Martin (Celebrate Calm) have been booked as speakers.
- \* Kim Dockery -- her office is moving to Fairfax Ridge; Special Education staff will be on every floor to work together with General Education staff. Devonshire and Lacey will be turned over to become schools; Dunn Loring will house PRC, preschool and ESOL assessment centers, and will be the hub for registration. ATS is moving to Lee. Monitoring and Compliance moving to Virginia Hills.
- \* Budget: not a lot of Special Education cuts due to stimulus money for at least one more year; in subsequent years, we will have to advocate for more funds.
- \* Alternative Education: although some alternatives are going away, they will go student by student and will try and meet everyone's needs with multiple options.
- \* Smart Pen technology -- uploads what you've written on computer plus records the lecture. Livescribe was contacted by Kim to do an "action research" project with a professor from Vanderbilt -- for 2nd grade -- 150 pens --13 schools!
- \* Stakeholder Question: Where should IAs be cut? How can IAs be better used? Discussion ensued. Kim will take our comments to the principals' group and ask them what are the consistent practices that we could base our advocacy on. We may be able to go out the the community for volunteers, PTA etc.(Appendix 3).

**Committee Business:** New student rep Jessica Ackerman of South County 2ndary school was welcomed.

**SubCommittee work.**

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

**Appendix 1:** Public comment from Debra Ryan

**Appendix 2:** Special Education Update

**Appendix 3:** Stakeholder Question Responses