

**Fairfax County Advisory Committee for Students with Disabilities (ACSD)
Meeting Minutes
April 11, 2018**

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:03pm.

Members Present:

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

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

FCPS Staff Present:, Irene Meier, Teresa Johnson, Jane Strong, Mary Beth Harrison Cunningham

FCPS School Board Member: Pat Hynes (not present)

Board Member Liaison Report: None

Guests: Dr. Scott Brabrand, FCPS Superintendent

Welcome - FCPS Superintendent Dr. Scott Brabrand introduced himself to the committee and gave a brief welcome

Minutes Judy Farabaugh made a motion to approve the April Agenda, Melissa Johnson 2nd the motion. April agenda was approved, MSPU. Judy Farabaugh made a motion to approve the March minutes and Michael Beattie 2nd the motion. Two corrections were made, date on March minutes needs to be changed to 2018. On bullet 5 under new business, delete 'if you make public comment' at the end of the sentence. Add Theresa Simonds-Casselman to the Secondary Inclusion Charge subcommittee. March minutes were approved, MSPU.

Public Comment:

- Hillary Press- Commented on her daughter with dyslexia and the need to increase the use of technology to support independence in work for students.
- Laura Baker – Commented on changing the conversation in schools from Autism awareness and Autism acceptance to Autism accountability. Ensure there is a plan for twice exceptional kids so they don't fall through cracks
- Michelle Kids – Expressed concerns on the lack of accountability for supports provided to twice exceptional (2E) students
- Joanne Walton – Commented on the need for top down accountability for principals and schools to support special education and available trainings
- Jennifer Lorenz – Commented on difficulty of parents knowing resources available in the county. Additionally, expressed questions about the behavioral trainings that are available, the harassment policy as it relates to kids with disability, and what additional trainings are available to schools around supporting kids with disabilities.
- Diane Cooper-Gold – Expressed concerns on the communication between school and home, non-existent private placement options to support 2E kids and trouble getting academic challenges of 2E kids met
- Jen Scully – Commented on twice exceptional student in AAP and process for sharing information/available resources for parents when IEP needs are not being met.
- Cathy Caton – Commented on twice exceptional students in AAP and their difficulty functioning in a classroom. She posed the question “Are we serving 2E kids as well as we can?”.
- Amanda Campbell – Commented on ATS AAP implementation and the inconsistencies she's experienced in options available to her daughter regarding ATS policies and implementation

Special Education Update:

- Irene Meier– ACSD brochures have gone out to all schools
- Special Education Conference Update- over 1100 registered. 64+ breakout sessions. 3 food trucks will be available as well as student performances. Mike Bloom still needs volunteers. 6 First Star awards to be handed out.
- Jane Strong – Communication and training plan is being implemented to include workshops for parents about revision to the IEP page to promote inclusive practices.

Parent Resource Center Update:

- SEPTA gave a mini grant to support a sib shop team. PRC collaborated with social work team and sib shop will happen on May 5th, it filled the same day it opened with 20 siblings.
- There will be a May 8th workshop on depression in children and adolescents
- Other workshops in May: workshop on children and teens with OCD, strategies and supports; as well as another workshop on irritability in children
- June 1st workshop on internet safety for parents
- 2 new PRC liaisons have been hired!

New Business:

- Sajjad – co-chairs will need committee reports by April 30th. Co-chairs will format and send to the committee for pre-review prior to the May meeting. Asked that committee members come to the May meeting with revisions in hand.
- Sajjad – nominating committee will need to be designated in the May meeting

Subcommittee Work:

- **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, Harry Henderson
- **Secondary Inclusion Charge Subcommittee** – Rachna Heizer (co-chair), Connie Lorentzen (co-chair), Jane Wilson, Susan Edgerton, Diane Allen, Linda Mason, Brandon Cassidy, Sandi Dallhoff; Jennifer Vladyka, Jessica Mayo, Shreya Chappidi, Michael Beattie, Theresa Simonds Casselman
- **Budget sub-committee** – Connie Lorentzen (chair), Melissa Johnson, Michael Montante

2017-2018 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: 8:58 pm

Next ACSD meeting: May 9, 2018 at 7pm

Minutes submitted by: Sandi Dallhoff

Handout 1: The Special Education Update, April 2018

Handout 2: *Advisory Committee for Students with Disabilities Subcommittee Duties*