

**Fairfax County Advisory Committee for Students with Disabilities (ACSD)  
Meeting Minutes  
December 13, 2017**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:01pm.

**Members Present:**

Member Name		Member Name		Member Name	
		Adrienne Konstas			
Diane Allen	E	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	P	Jessica Mayo			
Sandi Dallhoff	P	Michael Montante	E		
Susan Edgerton	P				
Lisa Anne Fagan	P	Jennifer Vladyka	E		
Judy Farabaugh	P	Jane Wilson	E		
Meghan Gray	P	Cindy Woodcock	P		
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

**FCPS School Board Member:** Pat Heinz (not present)

**Board Member Liaison Report:** None

**Guests:** Nicole Zupan

**Minutes** Judy Farabaugh made a motion to approve the November minutes, Lisa Fagan 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. November minutes were approved, with the addition on changing Michael to being excused.. Additionally, Judy Farabaugh made a motion to approve the December Agenda and Lisa Fagan 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. December Agenda were approved, MSPU.

**Public Comment:** Mrs. Nicole Zupan expressed her concern with recent events of bullying of special education students on FCPS school buses. She wants the committee to look into the training provided to bus attendants and drivers to ensure they have the tools to manage behaviors and assure safety of everyone involved. Mrs. Zupan provided a written statement of her concerns.

**Special Education Update:**

- Teresa Johnson – there are currently 26,888 students in special education, that’s an increase of 803 students in special education this year. We have been working on training of FCPS bus and

van drivers. Additionally we've been working with George Mason to talk about how to change licensing programs to hopefully increase the teacher shortage. Since Nov 8<sup>th</sup> the Office of Special Education has completed 92 trainings!

- Irene Meier– the Keynote speaker for the conference this year is Dr. Pam Mims. Her background is in severe disabilities with lots of work in evidence based curriculums. Dr. Mims has consulted with FCPS in the past, and we're very excited to have her

#### **Parent Resource Center Update:**

- Mary Beth is absent. Flyers were sent via email.

#### **New Business:**

- No comments on new business
- Update on last month's New business- pamphlets on the ACSD can be available at the schools special education offices, but determined that is isn't appropriate to hand out at IEP's

#### **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 Cassady, Sandi Dallhoff; Jennifer Vladyka, Jessica Mayo, Shreya Chappidi, Michael Beattie
  - **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:** 8:06 pm

**Next ACSD meeting:** January 9, 2018 at 7pm

**Minutes submitted by:** Sandi Dallhoff

**Handout 1:** The Special Education Update, December 2017

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