

**Fairfax County Advisory Committee for Students with Disabilities (ACSD)
Meeting Minutes
March 14, 2017**

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:10pm.

Members Present:

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

Minutes Judy Farabaugh made a motion to approve the March Agenda, Michael Beattie 2nd the motion. March agenda was approved, MSPU. Judy Farabaugh made a motion to approve the February minutes and Connie Lorentzen 2nd the motion. Two corrections were made, Mary Beth Harrison-Cunningham needs to be identified as present and in Melanie’s public comment, the word ‘failure’ in sentence 4 needs to be changed to ‘functioning’. February minutes were approved, MSPU.

Public Comment:

Public comment was made via email from Susan King. Mrs. King has concerns about her son safely being able to walk to Oakton High school in the fall and have found the process to try and get him bus transportation instead of walking to be frustrating.

Special Education Update:

- Irene Meier– Special Education Conference Update- 780 registered, 134 out of county, 300 parents. Everything is funded, 5 sponsors have supported this effort

Parent Resource Center Update:

- Mary Beth sent flyers for upcoming workshops through June via email.

- the Autism Society of NOVA will be doing as Autism 101 presentation on April 5th for Autism month
- PRC is currently in the market for 2 PRC liaison to join their team. It's a part time hourly position (min of 30 hours per week) if anyone knows someone who may be interested have them send Mary Beth their resume.
- Mind in the Making series for parents is on hold. The Liaison who was going to facilitate that series has left their position.

New Business:

- Judy Farabaugh– please sign up to volunteer for the conference. First class awards were approved for this year. 6 awards will be given this year which is great!
- Cheri Belkowitz –ACSD will be having a table at the conference. Please indicate on the volunteer sign up sheet if you are interested in sitting at the table for a period of time.
- Irene Meier– conference committee is still looking for student performances please have any interested groups contact Nicki Conners. Cheri suggested the South County Marching Band
- League of Women voters are ramping up their efforts to engage new voters and would like to include special education students in that
- Rachna Heizer - went to Richmond and advocated on the applied studies diploma. She viewed proposed changes and will bring more information back as she learns more. Suggestion was made to ask for it to be retroactive to current high school students if you make public comment.
- Sandi Dallhoff – Therapeutic Recreation is in the process of hiring for summer camps. A flyer will be sent out to the committee, please feel free to distribute. Additionally, TRS summer camp registration opens up March 20th. New this year, TRS will be piloting a mini camp for individuals ages 2-5.
- Cheri Belkowitz – Fairfax County is hosting a series of teen job fairs at various high schools across the county.

Annual Plan Presentation

Presentation was given by Jackie Prentice - Finance coordinator for Department of Special Services. And Lea Skurpski

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: 8:58 pm

Next ACSD meeting: April 11, 2018 at 7pm

Minutes submitted by: Sandi Dallhoff

Handout 1: The Special Education Update, March 2018

Handout 2: Advisory Committee for Students with Disabilities Subcommittee Duties