

**Fairfax County Advisory Committee for Students with Disabilities (ACSD)
Meeting Minutes
November 8, 2017**

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm.

Members Present:

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

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

FCPS Staff Present:, Irene Meier, Mary Beth Harrison Cunningham, Dawn Schafer

FCPS School Board Member: Pat Heinz

Board Member Liaison Report: None

Guests: None

Minutes Judy Farabaugh made a motion to approve the October minutes, Connie Lorentzen 2nd the motion. October minutes were approved, MSPU. Additionally, Judy Farabaugh made a motion to approve the November Agenda and Connie Lorentzen 2nd the motion. October minutes and November Agenda were approved, MSPU.

Public Comment: none.

General Housekeeping :

Cheri Belkowitz reminded the committee of a few general housekeeping items regarding our role on the council:

- Limit personal stories
- Don't respond to public comment directly
- Be respectful of others having their turn, sit your name card up on its end if you would like to speak
- Please eat the food provided from Davis Center! We are very pleased they are providing it for us

Special Education Update:

- Irene Meier– a major change is being made to the IEP forms to allow staff to look at special education students as general education students first. Should be ready by **July** with training in August
- Special Education Conference April 21st at Hayfield Secondary. Focus of conference will be on inclusive practices.

Parent Resource Center Update:

- Dyslexia open house- 175 participated! Continuing to see an increase in the number attending the workshops
- Trauma 101 workshop – about 55 attended
- PRC has been working with Tracey Jewel to start recording the workshops. Initially FCPS staff led presentations will be recorded and uploaded on PRC's YouTube channel. FCPS will have access and parents will have access if they email for the link for access to the workshop.
- New workshops in spring will include topics such as: student safety and wellness-restorative justice practices; working with mason LIFE program to present on building healthy relationships; technology tools to help support students with dyslexia and other reading difficulties; and social media safety tips for parents
- Next Tuesday is the first night the PRC will have extended hours.
- Conversation ensued around social medial safety as well as tips to help kids appropriately use social media. Suggestion was made to have the ad hoc committee potentially look at the appropriate use of social media topic as part of their work

New Business:

- First class awards are due to Judy by February's meeting. Simply submit a brief paragraph to Judy for your nomination. Question came up as to whether or not they can give awards to students who are doing a great job of helping to provide inclusive environments. Judy stated that the award has traditionally been focused around FCPS staff but a student that served on the ACSD has been given an award in the past. It was decided that students can be included in the nominations but permission must be garnered by the parent before the nomination can be submitted
- Rachna brought up the need to continue to get the word out about the ACSD to parents and asked if there was a way that the ACSD brochures can be distributed at IEP meetings. Additional suggestions were given on how to advertise such as using Channel 21, Facebook, give out brochures to social workers for initial Special education eligibility meetings, and using Fairfax County SEPTA.
- Irene will talk to the communications office about the suggestions and see what can be done.

Subcommittee Work:

Subcommittee work began at 8:10

- **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
 - **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,
 - **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: 9:00 pm

Next ACSD meeting: December 13, 2017 at 7pm

Minutes submitted by: Sandi Dallhoff

Handout 1: The Special Education Update, November 2017

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