

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

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm. The June agenda and May's meeting minutes could not be adopted.

Members Present:

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

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

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

FCPS School Board Member: None

Board Member Liaison Report: None

Guests: None

Minutes: Judy Farabaugh made a motion to approve the May 14th minutes, Connie Lorentzen 2nd the motion. June minutes were approved with minor edits.

Public Comment: Pat Hudak – Co-Chair of CHAADD, an organization that provides resources for students with ADHD. Pat provided a handout with a variety of resources, upcoming trainings and support groups for individuals with ADHD and their families.

Special Education Update:

- Save the date – special education conference is going to be April 21, 2018. Currently seeking members for the planning committee. Members should let of the chairs know if you are interested in serving on the conference planning committee.
- September 22nd is Virtual VIP training for paraprofessionals.
- Universal Screener (IReady), which was a recommendation from the ACSD, has been rolled out.
- Other Special Education programs are listed in the September 2017 'Special Education Update Newsletter'

Parent Resource Center Update:

- New folder of materials has been created for marketing the PRC
- PRC is in the process of getting all documents translated in Spanish, Arabic and Korean (top 3 language needs)
- Many great workshops have been planned through November
- 95 individuals showed up at the first workshop of the school year on Executive functioning
- 84 are registered for Cathy Cohen's upcoming workshop
- New workshops
- PRS sent posters in English and Spanish to schools, librarians, and PTA presidents to post for parents to see
- Saturday Sept 16th PRC is hosting an event for military families who have children with an IEP. Judy suggested contacting Pat Hines to announce it at the School Board Meeting Sept 14th.

New Business:

- Cheri Belkowitz led the committee in a team building game focused on learning about the duties and responsibilities of the Committee.
- Rachna Heizer made the suggestion to get the brochure on the ACSD out to schools via IEP meetings, or made available at the main office for families to see.
- Judy Farabaugh made the suggestion to do a new video with Channel 21 advertising the ACSD
- Michael Montante announced that he was pleased that both schools he spoke with were implementing the Executive Functioning inservice training
- Buddy Walk is October 1 at George Mason
- Brandon Cassady announced that there was a step program going on in the month of September to support United Cerebral Palsy
- Next POAC of NOVA meeting is being held this Saturday September 16th.

Establishment of Subcommittees:

- **Sajjad Kahn reviewed the 2017-2018 School Board Charge:**

2016-2017 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.

Discussion ensued on the break-down of subcommittee's for the year. Suggestions were given to have sub committees focused on the charge, one on follow-up as well as an ad hoc subcommittee to focus on unmet needs. Teresa suggested that if we have such a committee considerations should be made on how to decide what the group will focus on.

Based on additional members needing to be approved at tomorrow night's school board meeting, discussion on subcommittees will continue and be put to a vote at the October ACSD meeting.

Adjournment: 8:43 pm

Next ACSD meeting: October 11, 2017 at 7pm

Minutes submitted by: Sandi Dallhoff and Jennifer Vladyka

Handout 1: The Special Education Update, Sept 2017