

Advisory Committee for Students with Disabilities

Agenda

April 12, 2023

7:00 p.m. Call to Order Harry Henderson, Chair

7:05 p.m. Approval of Minutes Harry Henderson, Chair

Adoption of Agenda

7:10 p.m. General Announcements Harry Henderson, Chair

Public Comment 7:15 p.m. Elizabeth Zielinski, Vice Chair

> NOTE: Members of the Public are reminded that each speaker during public comments shall limit their remarks to three minutes. Upon request at the time of signup for public comment, additional time may be provided to individuals with speech disabilities or those who may require translation services.

7:35 p.m. Chairman's Message Harry Henderson, Chair

School Board Liaison Update Laura Jane Cohen, Springfield 7:40 p.m.

District

7:45 p.m. Parent Resource Center News Mary Beth Harrison-Cunningham,

Manager of PRC

7:55 p.m. Attendance Report Ally Baldassari, Recording Secretary

8:00 p.m. Harry Henderson, Chair Annual Report Review

> NOTE: Committee Members who wish to make amendments to the report are recommended to draft their recommendations prior to the meeting and share with the recording secretary prior to the

start of the meeting.

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8:35 p.m. Department of Special Services

Updates

Dr. Michelle Boyd, Assistant Superintendent, DSS

Mike Bloom, Director, Special Education Instruction

Dawn Schaefer, Director, Procedural Support Mike Axler, Acting Director, Intervention &

Prevention

Lea Skurpski, Director, Operations & Strategic

Planning

8:40 p.m. Old Business & New Business

Response to Student Rights

& Responsibilities Policy

Harry Henderson, Chair

8:50 p.m. Member Time

Elizabeth Zielinski, Vice Chair

9:00 p.m. Meeting Adjourned

Harry Henderson, Chair



The functions of the local advisory committee shall be as follows (8VAC20-81-230(D)):

- Advise the local school division of needs in the education of children with disabilities;
- Participate in the development of priorities and strategies for meeting the identified needs of children with disabilities:
- **Submit** periodic reports and recommendations regarding the education of children with disabilities to the division superintendent for transmission to the local school board:
- Assist the local school division in interpreting plans to the community for meeting the special needs of children with disabilities for educational services;
- Review the policies and procedures for the provision of special education and related services prior to submission to the local school board; and
- Participate in the review of the local school division's annual plan, as outlined in subdivision B 2 of this section.

2022-23 Committee Charge from the School Board

- Examine current practices regarding the referral process; staffing standards; academic, behavioral, and wellness programming; and the provision of special education and related services at the five Public Separate Day sites in FCPS (Key Center, Kilmer Center, Burke School, Cedar Lane School, Quander Road School).
- Review evidenced-based and research-based practices regarding Public Separate Day schools for students with disabilities.
- Based on a review of evidenced-based and research-based practices, make recommendations designed to improve staff recruitment and retention at FCPS Public Separate Day sites.
- Based on a review of evidenced-based and research-based practices, make recommendations designed to ensure consistency in the student referral process to a FCPS Public Separate Day site compliant with the Least Restrictive Environment (LRE) requirements in the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

Next ACSD Meeting is Wednesday, May 10, 2023

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