

**Local Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)
Prince George Public Schools, VA (Region 1)**

Meeting Minutes

May 10, 2017

- Members in attendance: William Gandel, Kimberly Lee, Chaundra Taswell, Leila Holmes, Mark Simpson, Kim Shanks and Rhonda Hamlin. Ms. Zetta Ethington and Mrs. Jennifer McGuire participated as consultants from the Student Services office.
- Chairperson Lee called the meeting to order at approximately 5:09 pm.
- There were no visitors to address the Committee during the available Public Forum Period, so there were no public comments.
- Mrs. Lee reviewed recent events such as the Transition Fair of April 18th and the SEAC sponsored “Inclusion” workshop of April 27th. She noted how these workshops had positive impacts on her own child’s IEP. About 20 people had attended the April 17th event.
- Two potential SEAC members had been contacted without response as yet. Members reported on their contacts with various parents at this last event. All agreed this location was a non-bias manner that had a real advantage and enhanced our Special Education Program.
- Dialog next was in reference to ways “Trust” can be improved parents and Special Education program staff.
- Following this a discussion of data collection, and communication enhancements also followed. IEPs, Medicaid Status, and progress in other areas inclusive of the public comment period around the conversion to a “ten point” grading scale was discussed.
- Ms. Kathleen Mitchell, while not in attendance today, had sent notice by email that recognition of our Special Olympic athletes plus preparation for the state games was progressing. She noted there were 14 slots for Prince George participation.
- The schedule of next meeting is August 17, 2017 at 5:00P.M at the School Board Office.
- The meeting adjourned at 6:26 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
William F. Gandel, Secretary