

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

Meeting Minutes

February 21, 2019

- Members in attendance: William Gandel, Elizabeth Griffith, Kathy Mitchell, Kim Lee, Margie Rosas, Ritchie Shumate, Chaundra Taswell, Cynthia White, and Mark Simpson. Jennifer McGuire participated as a consultant from the Student Services office.
- Chairperson Lee called the meeting to order at approximately 5:10 pm.
- Several members had contacted the Chairperson and were excused from the meeting.
- There were no visitors to address the Committee during the available Public Forum Period, so there were no public comments.
- Past Business:
 - Members reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting (January 17, 2019). The minutes were approved.
- New Business:
 - The social activity to be held on February 28, 2019 from 5:00 to 6:30 pm at the Prince George Public Library was discussed. Plans and preparation for the event were reviewed and finalized.
 - Discussions about the social event included:
 - All the usual communication avenues including email, flyers, Facebook posts, and word of mouth had all been used in hopes of attracting parent and teacher participation.
 - Last minute logistical details.
 - Chairman Lee detailed a phone conversation she had with a parent about the lack of transition services. During the meeting, members of the SEAC also voiced concerns about this issue.
 - Group Discussions brought forth concerns on the following topics:
 - Consideration of how to increase opportunities for improving social skills for the students with disabilities.
 - How to leverage available resources and getting additional support for independent living skills.
 - To what extent is the school system attempting to partner with community businesses to allow children with disabilities opportunities to learn job skills and refine career interests.
 - It was agreed to bring these issues to the Prince George School Board.
 - There was also discussion around the lack of available information on Medicaid and obtaining waivers. This could be a future workshop for SEAC.
 - The Special Olympics Report was given by Ms. Mitchell.

- The Polar Plunge was held on February 5, 2019 with about 30 participants.
 - The Bowling season had just ended and Track and Field was to begin in March. There are currently 25 athletes competing with more waiting to participate. Softball is also anticipated.
- The next meetings will be held on March 21 and April 18, 2019.
 - The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:37 pm with everyone looking forward to the social event.

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