

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

Meeting Minutes

September 15, 2016

- Members in attendance: William Gandel, Chaundra Taswell, Kimberly Lee, Margie Rosas, Larry Hahn, Kimberly Shanks, Jennifer Haskins, Mark Simpson and Kathleen Mitchell. Ms. Zetta Ethington participated as a consultant 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.
- The agenda for this meeting was approved.
- Past Business:
 - Minutes of last meeting, August 16, 2016 were approved.
- New Business:
 - Mr. Gandel reported the SEAC Annual Plan presentation went very well.
 - The Meet and Greet will be October 20, 2016 from 5:30 P.M.-7:30 P.M. at the PG Parks and Recreation Fitness Center, Library room.
 - Preparations, refreshments and promotions of this was discussed. This is on the PG Schools Website plus local media.
 - The special education enrollment now numbers approximately 894 with students still enrolling. This challenges the program. Mrs. Ethington addressed this as well as other related issues. One member complimented her child's case manager on the individual attention her child received.
 - A popular topic "Credit Accommodation" was discussed and explained.
 - Ms. Mitchell reported the Special Olympics Meet and Greet was very successful with 70 attendees.
 - Mrs. Ethington advised the SEAC about an informative program, with VCU, to orient all teachers about Autism.
 - Another member spoke about having an opportunity to address the teachers as to home life and other aspects of having children with special needs. She had this opportunity in August.

- Mrs. Lee, chairperson, emphasized the need for SEAC to encourage communication between parents and teachers.
- Fort Lee is coordinating Suicide Prevention Event on September 21, 2016 at 11:30 A.M. in the PGHS Library.
- There is an opportunity to have a “current announcements” space on the PG Schools website.
- The next meeting, Meet and Greet, will take place on October 20, 2016 and the next SEAC meeting will be November 17, 2016 at 5:00P.M at the School Board Office.
- The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:17 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

William F. Gandel

Secretary