

SEAC September VIRTUAL MEETING

9/8/2020

Start time 7:10pm

Dr. Matt Haas Superintendent of Albemarle County spoke to our committee.

The meeting was Live Stream for others to join in and watch from the k12albemarle.org website.

Nicole Group who is current Co-Chair led the meeting. Also in attendance was Stephanie Hicks (Vice Chair), Betsy Soulsby, John Wilson, Jen Schafer, Kelly Majeta, Sara Henry, Cate Hudtloff (Co-Chair)...attendance sheet.

Dr. Haas gave a review on our current enrollment for the county is down about 800 students less than last year. The equity state of the division report link is on the county webpage. Review of the Students with Disabilities (SWD) 13% of our students in school and of those 2 % are currently in the gifted program. 21% are chronically absent and 30% are in the numbers of students that have been suspended. The SPED strategic goals forecast, the strategies can be integrated into equity.

Question from one of our committee members asked an explanation of the criteria that was needed for approval of in person learning for our Functional Skills students. Mr. Kirst, The SPED director for Albemarle County addressed the question. Stage III there is no exact answer.

If a child can not receive any meaningful benefit from Virtual learning, that is taken into consideration for in person learning. Pre-K through 3rd grade will be a priority for returning in the classroom for Stage III.

The Special Ed Advisory Committee ByLaws are on the county website. Our committee updates the reports Annually. A school can have more than one rep for it but only 1 can be a voting member. Nicole and Stephanie Hicks will represent SEAC at Parent Council Meetings

Sarah Beckham-Henry and Stephanie Hicks will represent SEAC at the Strategic Plan Design meetings.

Emily Boshkoff is our new secretary.

Jen Schafer is going to continue the Health Advisory Committee role unless someone else decides to take it on for this year.

At our October 13th meeting, Mr. Kevin Kirst will give the State of the Union. We have guest speakers for the following weeks:

November 10th- Catec will have a speaker

December 8th- UVa STAR Initiative, Rose Nevill

January-REACH Region 10

Other business: Rights Law Resource has an upcoming virtual conference.

Supporting the Emotional Needs of the Gifted student, there is online training- SEngifted.org.

TACA has an upcoming October conference. <https://tacanow.org/conferences/virtual/>

Everything you knew about ADHD Conference: <https://chadd.org/conference/>

Meeting concluded at 9pm