SEAC Minutes November 9, 2021

- Welcome
- Members Present: Nicole Group, Jennifer Beard, Stephanie Hicks, Cate Hudloff, Irene Krone, Betsey Soulsby, Rebecca Silverman, Jessica Allen, Joyce Cooper, Moira O'Neill, Amy Winegar, Kevin Kirst, Katie Compel, Michael Armstrong, Jonno Alcaro, Mike Wagner, Laura Strauss, Kayla Allen, guest speaker-Amy Stinson from Moms in Motion

- Introductions
- Motion to approve minutes - Approved
- Speaker: Amy Stinson, Moms in Motion
  - Moms in Motion overview of services
  - At Home Your Way is services for over 18 with a medicaid waiver
  - Review of waivers DD, CCC+
  - Contact Social Services to apply
  - Community Services Board is Region 10
  - Technology that qualifies there is a $1K grant
- PRC Update: Michael Armstrong -
  - please reach out to let the PRC know what areas they need to grow in
  - January 18th speaker ABC’s of Behavior is scheduled, go online to sign up
  - Go on Parent Resource Center from the County page and sign up for the Newsletter
  - Laura Strauss inquired how well attended were the training / information sessions? Not very well according to Michael
  - How do we push out these sessions? Someone suggested Phil from the Communication office
- Committee Updates:
  - Parent Council - see attached minutes from Alice Fox
  - Health Advisory - did not meet since last SEAC meeting in October; only meets about quarterly

- Business:
  - Stephanie reviewed meeting guidelines:
    - Focus on systemic issues
    - Consider asking to add topics to the agenda in advance
    - Communicate the issue “just the facts”
    - Convey respect for all
    - Please, no Politics
    - Be patient with each and the process
- Reviewed the position letter written by Laura Strauss relating to COVID-19 Summer School Learning from
  - Group members discussed the position letter & who it should be sent to
  - School Board Member J. Alcaro suggested Michele Castner (Director of Elementary Education) & Jay Thomas (Director of Secondary Education) should receive the letter, along with Superintendent Matt Haas & the entire School Board
  - Voted to approve letter; letter approved; N. Group will email letter to above members
  - Discussion on what parents of children with disabilities can hope for next summer? How can we ensure that SPED kids are being thought of when Central office is making plans?

- SPED Email discussion:
  - Stephanie informed group that SEAC emails are subject to FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) and are public property
  - Some of the committee’s concerns were related to the email only going straight to Kevin Kirst, and how that may be uncomfortable for them
  - Jen Beard was asked how other SEAC’s handle emails, she will reach out
  - It was mentioned other SEAC’s have county emails, which makes it easier for FOIA if needed
  - Stephanie inquired if anyone was interested in following up on the email topic

- Livestream Video Followup
  - Kevin has inquired at the top level to see if we can get a number on how many people are watching the live stream video
  - Kevin was given a ticket, and will follow up again

- Topic was brought up concerning membership and the October 1st deadline
  - The question was asked “What happens when a member moves or needs to vacate the position during the school year”? 
  - It was decided SEAC would update the bylaws to address this topic

- Irene Krone asked other members how to best communicate SEAC business
  - It was suggested that a “blurb” be created for members to send out to their PTO’s following a SEAC meeting
  - Could also put this “blurb” in the Parent Resource Newsletter
  - Reach out to PTO’s

- New topic of Grading Forum to be added to December’s agenda

- A member mentioned that the School Board was meeting tonight to go over potential calendar changes; be on the look out for that
● Kevin mentioned that our meetings had been submitted to be published on the digital county calendar
● Some of our SEAC members (Jaronda, Stephanie & Joyce) attended the UVA Parent Panel to answer questions about SEACs role in special education
● Suggestion List for Speakers
  o Self advocate
  o Family Engagement, VDOE
  o Culturally Responsive Teaching speaker, Joyce volunteered to head up
  o Region Ten
  o Anti-bullying from Central Office
  o Legislative speakers
  o Dr. Haas
  o PEATC
- Public Comment: none
- Announcements
  ● Kevin mentioned he had VDOE SEAC brochures for everyone & that his office would be contacting us for our mailing addresses

Adjournment
SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Tuesday, September 14, 2021
7:00 – 9:00 PM
Albemarle County Office Building
Zoom

Tuesday, October 12, 2021
7:00 – 9:00 PM
Albemarle County Office Building
Zoom

Tuesday, November 9, 2021
7:00 – 9:00 PM
Albemarle County Office Building
Zoom

Tuesday, December 14, 2021
7:00 – 9:00 PM
Albemarle County Office Building
Zoom

Tuesday, January 11, 2022
7:00 – 9:00 PM
Albemarle County Office Building
COB 320

Tuesday, February 8, 2022
7:00 – 9:00 PM
Albemarle County Office Building
COB 320

Tuesday, March 8, 2022
7:00 – 9:00 PM
Albemarle County Office Building
COB 320

Tuesday, April 12, 2022
7:00 – 9:00 PM
Albemarle County Office Building
COB 320

Tuesday, May 10, 2022
7:00 – 9:00 PM
Albemarle County Office Building
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