Minutes - March 8, 2022

- Welcome & Introductions / Attendees
  - Nicole Group
  - Cate Hudloff
  - Stephanie Hicks
  - Michael Armstrong
  - Joseph Williams (presenter)
  - Joyce Cooper
  - Laura Strauss
  - Betsey Soulsby
  - Kevin Kirst
  - Alex Silverman
  - Katy Compel
  - Amy Winegar
  - Irene Krone
  - Alice F.
  - Jen Beard
  - Jessical Allen
  - Emily Boshkoff

- Approve Minutes: February 2022– Approved!

- Speaker:
  - Dr. Joseph M Williams-UVa Professor
    - Racial Bias in Schools: Evidence and Opportunities
    - Bias: a preference for or a prejudice against something—only a problem when it creates or limits opportunities for people
    - Implicit bias—hidden prejudices or stereotypes that shape what we think and do without awareness
    - Racial bias—prejudices and stereotypes about a particular rage that results in harmful or preferential treatment of members of that race
    - Tons of research supports that bias impacts the quality of education. Students are very good at picking up teacher bias, even if it is not overtly obvious.
    - Bias effects are exacerbated among students with disabilities and who receive special education services.
    - Institutional Bias—a tendency for the rules, policies, practices, and procedures of institutions to operate in ways that result in discriminations
    - Schools and districts are comprised of INDIVIDUALS, have CULTURES
    - Bias impacts large groups of students
    - Red flags that something might be going on: what we see in the data
    - Our data suggests that black and hispanic students are underrepresented in gifted identification and over-represented in discipline
    - One thing that might work—“cultural brokers” people who can serve as a bridge between this committee and the community
• Partner with existing nonprofits who also see this as a problem—we are all fighting the same fight
• We have the power to request disaggregating the data

Mr Kevin Kirst—Executive Director of Special Education & Student Services Division—review of the budget document

• Parent Resource Center Update
  • Newsletter for March
  • Life After High School Transition and Resource Fair (April 30th),
  • Cville parks and rec is bringing back “all buddy camp”, I’m Determined youth and family summit,
  • March 14th-15th transition conference at Hotel Roanoke

• Committee Updates:
  • Parent Council—Alice will send a link to the minutes. Dr. Haas spoke as well as Melanie Lichtensten and Miles Nelson (mental health coordinator). If anyone has any questions they want to go to Dr. Haas send them to Alice.
  • Health Advisory Committee—no updates

• Business:
  • Livestream “hit rate”-not addressed
    • Kevin was not able to get this data
  • Annual Report
    • Discuss any final revisions
    • Approved!
  • Members and Officers for next year—not addressed

• Questions/Comments:

• Public Comment
  • PT in the community asked if he could come present his business, in the past SEAC has not allowed this. Kevin talked with him and shared this information
  • Paige County Schools asked what we were doing with Part B set-aside.

• Announcements—not addressed due to time constraints
  • updated school calendar as there have been some changes.
  • The school board has approved the first draft of the 22-23 school calendar
  • March 8th is International Women’s Day
  • VIA event Wildrock March 12th

Adjournment
SEAC Meetings remaining for 2021-2022

- Tuesday, April 12, 2022- Robin Puryear, Keyes Academy
  Nominations for 2022-23 officers

- Tuesday, May 10, 2022- Marla Muntner, VIA
  Vote for 2022-23 officers