



**Fauquier County Public Schools  
Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)**

**November 2, 2023, 6:00-7:30 p.m.  
FCPS Central Office Complex, Bldg. A  
430 Shirley Avenue, Warrenton**

**MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Chair Amy Hunter. Members in attendance were Amanda Hazlehurst, Amy Hunter, Marilyn McCombe, Ryan Perry, and Mandi Wooten. Megan Monnahan was absent due to a family issue. Consulting members Randy Corpening and Haley Schlechta were present. The meeting was livestreamed via a link on the SEAC page of the FCPS1.org website.

The October meeting minutes were approved unanimously on a motion by Ms. McCombe and seconded by Ms. Wooten.

There was no public comment.

**Presentation:**

Kyo Dolan, parent leader and mother of an I'm Determined Youth Leader, spoke about the positive impact that the program has had on her entire family. She gave an overview of the VDOE program and a detailed description of the youth conference held each June at JMU. Registration for that conference will open in mid-January to students ages 14-18. Applicants must submit a response to questions such as, "How do you practice self-determination?" and "Why will the I'm Determined Summit be good for you?" The selection team is looking for answers that are clearly the student's own words. Conference sessions will provide self-advocacy and skills training geared toward building competence, autonomy, and relatedness. Separate sessions are available for students preparing for high school and those preparing for college or postsecondary work.

*Ms. Dolan's Presentation Slides:* <https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/km0hiy7kn1vbcwv81t4df/IMD-FCPS-110223.pptx?rlkey=cplq2rzwa5z3wd2cvw54ba28l&dl=0>

*Resources for Educators:* <https://www.imdetermined.org/tool/one-pager/>

*Resources for Families:* <https://www.imdetermined.org/families/>

*One Pager:* [Good Day Plan](#)

*Competence, Autonomy, Relatedness (CAR) Video –* <https://www.imdetermined.org/tool/car/>

**Chairman's Report:**

Ms. Hunter thanked Ms. Dolan and recognized her family members in attendance. Ms. Hunter also thanked former SEAC member Rebecca Stickler for her assistance in securing a speaker.

Ms. Hunter also introduced Ashley Menwer, who submitted an application for SEAC membership. Ms. Menwer lives in the Lee District and is the parent of students with disabilities. Ms. Hunter will forward Ms. Menwer's application to the Clerk of the School Board.

The Virginia Board for People with Disabilities hosting a virtual meeting on Friday, November 17, 12:00-2:00 pm, entitled, “DARS and VDOE: Partnerships that WORK!” Attendees will learn about DARS Pres-ETS Services and the continuum of transition services in Virginia.

The SEAC will NOT meet in December. The State SEAC will meet December 7-8 in Richmond, and Ms. Hunter will attend as the Region 4 Parent Representative.

**The next SEAC meeting will be held January 4, 2024.**

### **Special Education Director’s Report**

Mr. Corpening explained that FCPS has a long history with “I’m Dreported that his office will get the word out to all case managers as soon as the I’m Determined application period opens.

The Virginia IEP system, which was down in the county for a couple of weeks due to the ransomware attack, is now 100% restored. Case managers are now going in to update any changes made during the outage.

Mr. Corpening and Dr. Schlecta are now preparing for the December 1 student count, which helps determine special education funding.

### **Parent Resource Center Report**

In October, the PRC hosted a workshop to help parents understand the IEP process, which was led by PEATC. On November 9 at 5:00 pm, Shelley Millerson, Teacher for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, will conduct a workshop on Hearing Loss and Services in FCPS. PRC monthly events are held via Zoom. Pre-registration is required.

The Transitions and Disability Fair will be held March 9, 11:00-3:00, at Fauquier High School. Forty-two organizations have been invited to participate. The program will include a presentation by PEATC on what happens when a student turns 18, and DARS will present on post-secondary transitions. A VDOE representative will discuss the collaboration between parents and teachers.

### **Old Business**

Mrs. Hunter gave a SEAC recruitment update, reiterating that Ms. Menwer has submitted an application.

Discussion of the proposed awards program was postponed since Ms. Monnahan was not in attendance.

Following the committee’s discussion last month about programs for upcoming meetings, Kristen Ott and Angie Gum have been confirmed to present an update on the N2Y curriculum implementation in the county’s ID classrooms at the January 4 meeting. In addition, Jennifer Rockefeller will discuss the use of assistive technology in the county, including the use of AT in ID and Autism classrooms. The February presentation will focus on preparations for March Disability Awareness Month with details to be determined. The March program will include a budget presentation by Mr. Corpening and an update on implementation of the Virginia Literacy Act and the range of literacy interventions being used throughout the county.

### **New Business**

SEAC members agreed by consensus to host a table again at this year’s Transitions Fair

The meeting was adjourned at 7:01 pm.