

## **SEAC Meeting Minutes**

**Nov. 12, 2024**

### In Attendance:

Amanda Vogel (Baker Butler ES)  
Ashley Fore (Brownsville ES)  
Christian Summers (Crozet ES)  
Jessica Allen (Ivy ES; Vice Chair)  
Tracy Magee (Ivy ES)  
Caitlin Foley (Mountain View ES)  
Dee Curry (Scottsville ES)  
Grace Steljes (Stony Point ES)  
Katie Richard (Woodbrook ES)  
Sam Peacoe (Burley MS)  
Nicole Group (Community Lab)  
Chris Seaman (Henley MS; Chair)  
Kendra Meikeljohn (Lakeside MS)  
Daisy Rojas (Albemarle HS)  
Elizabeth Cobb (Western Albemarle HS)  
Kateri Thunder (Community Rep)  
Betsey Soulsby (Community Rep)  
Teller Stalfort (Center I)  
Stephanie Hicks (Parent Resource Center)  
Maureen Strazzullo (Parent Resource Center)  
Kristen Kress (ACPS Special Education)  
Ruth Tapscott (ACPS Special Education)

1. Call to Order - 7:02 pm
2. Introductions
3. Approval of the Agenda - unanimously approved
4. Approval of October meeting minutes - unanimously approved
5. Update from SEAC Leadership Team
  - a. The Chair acknowledged concerns about federal support for special education in the wake of the election, particularly calls to eliminate the U.S. Department of Education, which plays a major role in special education services and policymaking.
  - b. The Chair presented results from the SEAC Family Survey in October. Discussion ensued about certain aspects of the survey findings, including family member perceptions of whether general and special education services were helping students meet their academic goals, perceptions about strengths and weaknesses of the ACPS special education program, and frequency of special education teachers' communication with families
  - c. The Chair presented data from Virginia Standard of Learning (SOL) test results for ACPS, including the achievement gap between ACPS students with

disabilities and all ACPS students for reading, writing, and math for the past three academic years.

- d. The Chair presented data from the Equity Table in the School Division's Annual Report showing a disproportionately high rate of out-of-school suspensions for students with disabilities.
6. Annual Report - review and approve draft
    - a. SEAC Membership reviewed, discussed, and made several recommendations for the draft Annual Report circulated by email. Upon conclusion of the discussion, the Annual Report was approved. The Annual Report will be sent to the School Board for the December regular monthly meeting.
    - b. The Chair and Vice Chair encouraged all SEAC members to attend the School Board meeting on December 12 when the Annual Report will be presented.
  7. New Business
    - a. SEAC authorized sending a letter to the School Board regarding concerns about the impact of the proposed away-for-the-day policy for personal electronic devices on students with disabilities.
    - b. SEAC voted to cancel the Dec. 10 meeting due to the School Board presentation later that same week.
  8. Public Comment - none
  9. Adjournment - 9:00 pm