

SEAC Meeting Minutes

January 14, 2025

Attendance

SEAC Members:

Chris Seaman - Henley (Chair)
Jessica Allen - Ivy (Vice Chair)
Jaclyn Jacobson-she/her- Mt. View (secretary)
Daisy Rojas- she/her-Albemarle High School
Teller Stalfort- she/her- Center 1
Katie Richard-she/her-Woodbrook Elementary
Tracy Magee-she/her- Ivy
Caitlin Foley- she/her- Mountain View Elementary
Maureen Strazzullo- she/her- Western Albemarle HS/Parent Resource Center
Margaret Baudinet- Murray
Sam Peacoe- they/them- Burley Middle School
Christine "Chris" Garland- she/her- Journey Middle School
Davlisha "Dee" Curry- Scottsville Elementary
Kate Gariepy- she/her- community rep.
Amanda Vogel- she/her- Baker Butler Elementary School
Grace Steljes - Stony Point
Elizabeth Kobb - Western Albemarle HS
Ashley Fore - Brownsville
Laura DeNunzio - Brownsville
Christian Simmers - Crozet
Kalin Bird - Stone Robinson
Lisa Bushey - Hollymead
Kendra- Lakeside Middle School

Community Representatives:

Stephany Hicks- Parent Resource Center
Ayana Mitchell- Director of Equity
Betsey Soulsby- she/her-community member
Tanya Evans- she/her-Community/Family Counsel

Administration:

Dr. Daphne Keiser-Asst. Superintendent for School Community Engagement
Katy Compel- Director of Special Education
Ashley Struzik- she/her-Assistant Director of Special Education
Dr. Eric Irizarry- Director of Equity, School, Family, and Community Relations
Meagan Maynard- Career and Technical Information Curriculum Coordinator
Katina Dudley-Science Curriculum Coordinator
Emily Skelton-ACPS Special Education Coordinator
Ayanna Michell, Director of Equity Education

Others: None

Agenda

1. Call to Order: 7:05pm
2. Introductions
3. Approval of the Agenda- yes
4. Approval of Minutes of Nov. 12 meeting- yes
5. Update from SEAC Leadership Team

Presentation at December school board meeting. Chris and Jessica presented on our behalf. No new questions were asked by board members however several questions had been shared in advance.

Teller was able to watch the live stream and was very impressed with the presentation. Teller noted that a question was shared by Judy Lee regarding the centers, Chris has received a response and will share. Regarding staffing at Center One, Teller shared that Ruth Tapscott (Special Education Transition Coordinator) said she did not have access to staffing numbers for special education students at Center One and referred Teller to the Principal Sublette. When Teller contacted the principal she said she would need to follow up with Jeff Prillaman (Center One Director)... Teller was told that it would require a Freedom of Information act to release this information. Chris and Ashley Struzik will follow up on this.

Cell Phone policy update, the school board did approve the proposed policy but details regarding implementation of the policy is still forthcoming. There is a committee that is supporting the implementation, and SEAC will be in conversation with this committee regarding its impact on students with special needs. There is a spot reserved for a SEAC member; if someone would like to attend please contact Chris ASAP- first meeting is this Thursday.

We continue to work with the UVA Law clinic on issues related to special education eligibility. The law students have put together a draft survey that could be used to get feedback from ACPS families who have either had student(s) go through eligibility and be found ineligible or who have suspected that their student has a disability but have not gone through eligibility for various reasons. Also exploring a qualitative component either through small group or individual listening sessions.

Chris had a great conversation with Ayanna Mitchell earlier this week and opportunities to collaborate in the future.

The Life You are Given, film presentation at Lifehouse Studio. March 20th, 6:30pm.

6. Update from Special Education leadership

Ashley- no updates

7. Update from SEAC representatives on other ACPS committees

Family Council has a meeting this Thursday with a focus on behavioral issues and student discipline.

8. Presentation on Scholar Studios - Katina Dudley and Meagan Maynard

Data: 2015, 46% enrolled in an Institute of higher Ed and completed a degree, 22% never enrolled in IHE, 32% enrolled in IHE but did not finish.

Previously used Naviance switched to [SchoolLinks](#) 2yrs ago and have seen a big increase in engagement. Need to continue to explore if all student groups are able to utilize this platform. Will gather more feedback from C Base teachers regarding this.

Career cluster model has been revised from 17 distinct clusters to 5 cluster groupings- cheating and experiencing, inventing, caring, cultivating, building/moving. STEM is now incorporated into multiple pathways. New cross cutting clusters (marketing, entrepreneurship and technology).

SEAC members asked questions related to special education staffing for example collaboratively taught classes. Similar questions/scenarios apply to EL students.

9. New Business

Budget request for renovations to several ACPS SPED facilities, Post High and Ivy Creek location changes. Update from Ashley. Family Counsel is also providing feedback and support.

Grace, shared concerns regarding substitute teachers/TA's and the preparation interacting and serving the needs of students who have special education accommodations. Grace also shared the need for schoolwide programing and attention to inclusive practices that foster school wide engagement.

Math curriculum is being adopted in K-5. What is the intersection for kids with disabilities and tiered intervention? Shouldn't services be provided by the most skilled provider...could reading specialists be providing services to a student who is an IEP who has direct instruction in reading as a service?

What is each school procedures/pathways for families pursuing consideration for special education.

Procedures for advocating for building changes based on accessibility needs.

10. Future Monthly Meeting Topics - Special education administration will present annual plan at the March monthly meeting. Chris will circulate a poll via email for future meeting topics.

11. Public comment (in person and by email at spedhelp@k12albemarle.org) - None

12. Upcoming events

Family Resource Center Events

- Family Partners in Special Education- Saturday March 1st, 8:30am-1pm at CATEC. Register at <https://forms.gle/1aWY5rMszeu8uCLt8>
- Life After High School- Transition Conference and Resource Fair- Saturday, March 22nd, 2025 8:30am-1pm. Adults Register: <https://forms.gle/cmEm1tEYnrReAYAX7>. Students Register: <https://forms.gle/Z9>

13. Adjournment: 9:06pm