

Albemarle Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)

Monthly Meeting - County Office Building, Room 320

Tuesday, May 27, 2025 7-8pm (rescheduled from Tuesday, May 13, 2025, 7-9 pm)

Agenda

1. Call to Order: 7:03pm
2. Introductions/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
- ☒ Nicole Group- she/her-Community Lab School
- ☒ Caitlin Foley- she/her- Mountain View Elementary
- ☒ Maureen Strazzuflo- 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-Assistant Superintendent for School Community Engagement

- ☒ Dr. Matthew Haas, Superintendent of Albemarle County Public Schools
 - ☐ 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
3. Approval of the Agenda
 4. [Approval of Minutes of April 8 meeting](#)
 5. Update from SEAC Leadership Team
 - Katy Compel, Director of Special Education is resigning effective June 6, 2025.
 - Dr. Hayes, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, will be the hiring manager for this position.
 - Dr. Haas hopes to have a screening panel around mid June and to have the position filled by July 1st, 2025.
 - It is anticipated that the new Director of Special Education will attend most SEAC meetings as Ms. Compel did.
 - Request has been made that SEAC is given a fall update on retirees, leaves, and new hires.
 - Family Council will take the lead on MOU for SRO's in ACPS. Send any ideas to Chris.
 - Starting in August 2025 SEAC, meetings will commence at 6:30pm. Dr. Keiser would like to provide SEAC meeting participants with childcare support- email her with ideas regarding ACPS employees who might have interest in providing the child care.
 - A brief update was provided by Chris on the UVA Community Law Clinic regarding the special education eligibility process.
 - Dr. Patrick McLaughlin has received a list of policy issues that SEAC would like to be advised of.
 - ACPS is hosting the Back to School Bash at the Pavilion on Saturday, August 2, 2025. SEAC is invited to have a table at the event, should have fliers ready to get to Dr. Keiser by July 21st.
 6. Update from SEAC representatives on other ACPS committees
 - Amanda and Katie -SEAC Family Engagement Subcommittee- discussed ideas with the parent resource center including an FAQ page for the website.
 7. School Board Responses to 2024 Annual Report - attached
 - SEAC members expressed disappointment that the board was not able to make gains with improved opportunities for instructional assistants and special education support persons to have increased access/participation in professional learning and planning with special education teachers.

- Dr. Keiser shared a positive example of how one building level principal was able to create more opportunity for IAs to have meaningful consultation and collaboration. SEAC hopes to have a presentation about this at one of the fall 2025 meetings.
8. 2025 SEAC Family Survey (to be distributed in Fall 2025) - draft attached (this is a copy of the 2024 survey instrument)
 9. Leadership Election for 2025-26 School Year
 - Chris Seaman and Jessica Allen agreed to co-chair SEAC for the 2025-2026 school year. SEAC members approved their appointment.
 - Positions of Vice Chair and Secretary will be finalized at the first fall SEAC meeting.
 10. Public comment (in person and by email at spedhelp@k12albemarle.org)
 11. Adjournment: 8:24pm