- **NPS - Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) – February 5, 2026**

6:14 Meeting Called to Order - See attached attendance form

Purpose of SEAC reviewed. SEAC serves as an advisory body; made up of parents, educators, and community members, advocating for special education in the city of Norfolk. This committee is required by law and consists of 24 members.

6:19 Adoption of minutes

Motion to adopt by Gretchen Hamman, motion seconded by Nathan Whitlow. Unanimous vote to adopt correctly for grammatical errors. Motion Carries.

6:19 Announcements

No community or members announcements.

6:19 Public Comments

1) Comment from Marisha Griffith:
    a. "Which will the special education students of Norview Elementary School attend next school year and what does that transition look like?"
        i. PRC has reached out to the concerned party and has forwarded this concern to the appropriate office.
2) Comment from Vicky Greco:
    a. "Following a public meeting regarding school closures at Northside, {I} was dismissed at the low turnout. There is a survey regarding the closures that can be completed."
        i. This low turnout raises questions and concerns about SPED/ELL decreased access to meetings.
        ii. Community members always have the option to contact School board via email or can attend a meeting and offer public comment regarding access concerns.

**Note: see below for the methods of submitting public comment.

1) Via online submission on the NPS website on the SEAC page.
2) Written comment at the meeting using the Public Comment form

6:44 Learning Support Update

1) SBAC application window closing February 13th, 2026.

a. SEAC tasked with forming a subcommittee to review applications and provide Dr. Walter with recommendations to present to the school board on Mar 30th.
b. Current SEAC members please be advised that this a board appointed position and you must apply every 3 years.

2) Indicator 8 survey for FY25-26 is now open to improve response rate. Please complete and spread the word.
3) Multiple education sessions were taking place in January (list below is not all encompassing)
    a. School Administrator education was held covering multiple SPED topics
    b. Division wide education covered a multitude of SPED topics.

7:15 New Business

1) In light of public comments, the SEAC recognizes accessibility concerns regarding school closure meetings and would like to submit these concerns as a committee on Feb 18th during the next School Board Meeting.

    a. Considerations we would believe could improve participation include:
        i. Prioritizing meeting proximity to zoned school
        ii. Considering access to public transportation
        iii. Considering provision of NPS transportation
        iv. Providing language services for the ELL and ASL populations
        v. Offering virtual interaction for community members who cannot otherwise attend
        vi. Creating a welcome environment to those attending with children
    b. Shakara Lawrence will represent the SEAC to express the above concerns.

2) SEAC needs volunteers to form the SBAC subcommittee

    a. Volunteering members are Nathan Whitlow, Gretchen Hamman, Tiffany Adams, and Taylor Pince.

    b. The subcommittee will review applications by February 23rd and have a list of recommended applicants to submit to the SEAC at large on by March 2nd for dissemination on March 5th.

7:16 Wrap Up

1) Subsequent meetings with be as follows:
    a. Mar 5, 2026, with a quest speaker from Student Wellness.

b. Virtual meeting Mar 26, 2026 regarding annual grant plan application

7:40 Meeting Adjourned

Motion to adjourn by Gretchen Hamman. Motion seconded by Nathan Whitlow. Unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned.