

- **NPS - Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) – Sep 10, 2026**

6:07 Meeting Called to Order

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.

6:28 Adoption of previous meeting minutes

No changes made. Motion to adopt made by Tiffany, seconded by Karen. All present members approved. Minutes adopted.

6:29 Announcements

- 1) State SEAC meeting to be held Sep 19, 2026. Dr. Whitlow will represent Norfolk and report back vital information to this committee.
- 2) SEAC training available on Sept 19, 2026 from 8-11
- 3) The challengers is an adaptive baseball team open to youth.
 - a. Participants mobility level not an issue for participation.
- 4) Apricity Hope Project hosts getaways and events for caregivers and is located in Norfolk.
 - a. See website for more information on dates for retreats and other events.
 - i. Apricityhope.org

6:31 Public Comments

No public comments

****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

6:32 Learning Support Update

Presentation made by Dr. Walter

- 1) Successful start to new school year especially when considering the consolidation
- 2) Changes have been made to trainings
 - a. Division leaders are required to attend LEA training instead of sending a representative.
 - b. Two profession development sessions have taken place
 - i. Topics included:
 1. Data collection training

2. Software updates that allow for better integration of IEPs and data collection
- 3) Due to consolidation plan within NPS, Psychology and social work will now be located within the Learning Support division.
- 4) Indicator 8 survey open.
 - a. The survey is gathering information regarding school year 2025-2026.

6:42 New Business

- 1) SEAC overview
 - a. Required to meet quarterly, this body usually meets monthly during the school year except for December.
 - b. Virtual meetings may be held twice during the school year.
 - i. One virtual meeting generally reserved for presentation by Dr. Walter
 1. Date and time TBD
 - ii. Motion made for meetings to take on the 1st Thursday of the month in the Granby High School library. The dates are as follows:
 1. Oct 1, 2026
 2. Nov 5, 2026
 3. Jan 7, 2027 (virtual meeting)
 4. Feb 4, 2027
 5. Mar 4, 2027
 6. Apr 1, 2027
 7. May 6, 2027
 - a. Motion adopted by committee
 - c. The committee has two responsibilities:
 - i. Annual recommendation report to the board
 - ii. Recommendation of new members
 - d. Absences must be submitted to co-chairs
 - i. 3 consecutive unexcused absences will be considered a resignation of committee seat.
- 2) Goals/Areas of focus
 - a. Continue collaboration and discussion with different divisions within NPS to better understand gaps/needs for SPED students
 - i. Transportation
 - b. Research data available regarding disciplinary actions and population breakdown (SPED, race/ethnicity factors)
 - i. Consider school administrator role
 - ii. Consider Multitiered systems of support (MTSS) in use

- iii. Need School leadership buy-in
- c. Consider serving as liaison for community to increase knowledge and understanding of SPED and its role within the school system.
- d. Consider taking recommendations to state legislature as a SEAC
- e. Consider reengaging school board members to improve dialogue and feedback regarding annual committee recommendations.

7:45 Wrap Up

- 1) Next meeting Oct 1, 2026 at 6p
 - a. LOCATION CHANGE: Norview High School Large Forum
 - i. This meeting only

7:49 Meeting Adjourned