

Staunton City Schools
2023-2024 Special Education Advisory Committee - Meeting Minutes

Date and Time: Nov 28, 2023

Dixon Educational Center - 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Facilitator: Bari Nixon, Director of Special Education, Staunton City Schools

Present: Bari Nixon, Brian Ringgold, Barbara White, Katie Moran, Kristin Siegel, Tiffany Eimers, Jenny Taylor-Jones

Absent: Dan Nicholson, Kittl Robinson, Melissa Ruiz, Ashley Cole, Amy Ursenbach, Melissa Crowder Rhoden, Amanda Heutnik, Jennifer Van Orman

Agenda Item	Discussion
10/24/23 Meeting Minutes	Reviewed meeting minutes from October 24, 2023 Discussed virtual meetings and Board Policy BDDL
Important Policies & Regulations SEAC Guide Overview of Regulations School Board Policy BCF School Board Policy BCF-AR School Board Policy BDDL	The committee did not review policies or procedures linked. The links are there for frequent review.
Community Resources	Subcommittee to review and recommend community resources and special education at each grade level. Volunteers Brian, Tiffany, Jenny - Met to brainstorm how SEAC could support identifying and communicating community resources for children and families with disabilities. An idea formed regarding possibly inviting local doctors, or developing information to educate parents on the difference between medical and educational (overlaps with Parent Information) The committee discussed Age of Majority and Transition. Early intervention services were also discussed, understanding that VA serves children ages 2 through 21, inclusive. Brian summarized the conversation. It was noted that there is overlap between the Parent and Community subcommittees.
Operational Guidelines	Subcommittee to review current regulations, documentation, and possible development of bylaws for the committee. This subcommittee did not meet due to the number of committee member absences
Parent Resources & Tools	Subcommittee to review and recommend resources and pathways for parents, Volunteers Katie, Kristen, Barbara The subcommittee will brainstorm a name or title for this subcommittee

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	<p>The committee began by reviewing local and regional division websites to get ideas. The committee also reviewed the SCS website to get ideas.</p> <p>Possibly developing a common language guide or defining common terms in easy to understand language.</p> <p>Katie summarized their discussion. They like the FAQ document found on another division's website. Specific information regarding Transition.</p>
Next Meeting	<p>January 23, 2024 - 5:00-6:00 TBD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Operational Guidelines -- Plan to dive right into subcommittees to work- Discuss how different divisions are labeling disability (ex: Exceptional Learners) - develop a common language

Operational Guidelines - Resources:

[New Kent County](#)

[Augusta County](#)

[Albemarle County](#)