

Special Education Advisory Committee

Minutes of meeting on September 13, 2021

Sheila Haden, Secretary

- I. Kim Lemburg, Chairperson of the committee opened welcoming Campbell County educational staff as well as parents and guardians present.
- II. Truck or Treat update given by Amy Witt
 - a. 9th year
 - b. New addition – VA conservation Police
 - c. Match Honor Society Students with groups that need more people at their truck or area
 - d. We will have participants bring vehicles to give out candy.
 - e. Possibly do a vehicle for SEAC and give out candy.
 - f. Did wish list for candy on amazon and it has been successful.
 - g. Flyers will be distributed.
- III. Dr. Nick Pontius reported that Virginia Aligned Assessment Program has been changed.
 - a. Dr. Pontius shared that VAAP was changed in spring of 2021 but details are still coming as to what the new assessments will look like and how they will affect graduation status.
 - b. We know the Federal government has told VA that VAAP had to be changed.
 - c. VDA created new centralized SOLs and students will have to test online but accommodations can be made for pencil/paper.
 - d. Some questions look harder than it was before.
 - e. Still figuring out the details.
- IV. Dr. Pontius celebrations: State Report Card Campbell County had one of the highest graduation rates of students with special needs getting a standard diploma – 80% (state average is 40/50%)
- V. WLNI article “Dissing Ability” by Mary White - interesting article about how in many programs with focus on the disability instead of the ability.
- VI. Kim Lemburg has been working on updating the SEAC bylaws and came across some interesting points:

- a. Her recent PEATC/SEAC training focused on narrowing the committee's purview in the community but since our community is more rural that may be hard for us to do.
 - b. Kim recommended that anyone concerned go the VDOE website and post public comments about eligibility requirements for special education in Virginia that are being looked at right now.
- VII. Time was given for public comments.
- VIII. Meeting was adjourned.

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