

Wednesday, November 15, 2023

## Special Education Advisory Committee Mtg.

Attendees: James Gunther, Jamillah Silver, Jessica Joyner, Kelly Macpherson, Marisol Moor, Melissa Smetts, Toward Shirley, Kirstyn O'Neil, Christy Cole (Nansemond Borough), Stephanie Whitley (Chuckatuck Borough)

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### Notes

- Welcome (Attendance)
  - Christy Cole Borough Representative
  - Stephanie Whitley, Borough Representative
  - Sara Bailey, Independent
- Announcements and Correspondence
  - SPED Resource Night- Wednesday November 29, 2023 form 6:00PM - 8:00PM
  - Parent Partnership Night
    - Kirstyn O'Neil sited that many parents do not use Peachjar and recommended that Principals from each school use email blast for communication
    - Recommended the Parent Resource Center also connects with schools to get word out as well. Many people are not aware of Ms. Smith's presence.
    - Multiple modality
    - Vivian Evette, expressed concern that SEAC will not be able to fulfill its mandate.
- Public Comment
  - Sara Bailey from Independent Center read her public comment regarding the SPED student pass rate and the percentage of students whose eligibility reports were not completed within the 65 day timeline.
  - Vivian Evette mad a public comment regarding the noncompliant execution of the meeting tonight. The manner in which the meeting, and the last meeting was run, it

seems that the SEAC is under the control of the full school board and this was never the intent of this committee.

- Kirstyn O'Neil shared that she was under the impression that tonight was for voting on the SEAC board
- Stephanie Whitley requested the names of the voting members present.
- Special Education Reports
  - Director's Report
  - Parent Resource Center (PRC) report was provided via a video
- New Business
  - Approval of September minutes (action required)
    - Presented toward the conclusion of the meeting
    - Minutes were voted on and approved.
  - Induct and vote on SEAC members
    - Voting members discussed how to proceed with the retainer of the meeting. OF the 3 voting members present, all accepted the following nominations.
      - Ms. Christy Cole accepted the nomination for Secretary
      - Ms. Stephanie Whitley accepted the nomination for Vice Chair
      - Ms. Kirstyn O'Neil accepted the nomination for Chair.
    - Ms. Charlotte Brooks- Dale expressed her concern with the way the voting process was being handled. All voting members were not present. The acting Chair also was not present. Ms. Evette shared that the committee must act upon the agenda item. It was questioned about the validity of the regulations.
    - All positions were voted upon and passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.
- Action Items
  - Committee to discuss and determine goals for SEAC.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:49 PM