

Minutes of Meeting of Suffolk Special Education Advisory Committee – November 18, 2020

Attendees:

Voting: Angela Bickerton, Pamela Charles, Shawynee Love, Danielle Scarborough, Saul Godinez, Katie Morse, Amanda Plotner, Melissa Gomes, Kirstyn O'Neill

Consultant: Holly Boyce, Kelly MacPherson, David Mitnick, Jamillah Silver, Stephanie Whitley

Guest: Sarah Bailey, Ann Dunn, Vivian Evett, Jessica Joyner, Julie Masters, Marisol Moore, Leslie Schiefer, Valerie West

Absent: Anitra Simmons, Amber Feliciano, Callie Koelling, Olivia Adamson-Delk, Carolyn B. Johnson, Stephanie Garrett

I. Welcome and Introductions

Mrs. Charles welcomed everyone. Attendance was taken and everyone introduced him or herself. Quorum was ensured.

II. Public Comment

No public comment was made to the SEAC committee this evening.

III. Announcements and Correspondence

- A. The Endependence Center continues to offer virtual independent living skill training. The schedule has changed to just Wednesdays at 11:00. Youth transition assistance is offered on Tuesdays at 3:30. The calendar of events is available at: <http://endependence.org/event-calendar/>

IV. Old Business

- A. Approval of September Minutes - September minutes were approved as written.
- B. Introduction of all New Members - Introductions of new members was done at the beginning of the meeting and no further action was needed.
- C. Special Education Reports

1. Little Feet Meet

- a) Julie attended a meeting with surrounding areas and two representatives from Little Feet Meet. They have assembled a curriculum for the Young Athletes and they have equipment that they can send out, so we will be registering our pre-K through second grade. They are also working on fitness kits for kids who are eligible for Little Feet Meet (typically K-5) and they are working on a curriculum similar to the Young Athletes. The Young Athletes

have 8 weeks of lessons with videos of fitness activities that we will get sent out to those teachers and the same will be done with the Little Feet Meet kids as soon as those are done.

b) Whether an in-person Little Feet Meet event will be held in the spring is still up in the air. Possibilities are being examined for doing events at home and entering scores online if the event can't be held.

2. Little Feet Meet provided some information on disability awareness, which will be going on the SPS website. SPS is doing a disability awareness month, as well as a disability awareness rock garden at the school board office. SPS wishes to involve all kids in this, so the garden will probably wait until the kids are back to school in hybrid mode.
3. The Parent Resource Center liaison position in the special education department is open at the moment.
4. VDOE Parent Satisfaction Surveys were sent to the schools to be included with progress reports.
5. Teachers were surveyed regarding IEP goals and what their needs were for instructional learning and SPS was able to send manipulatives home to help with virtual learning. Teachers are going to be surveyed again in the coming weeks about needs going into the second semester.
6. PEATC Transition University has great resources to help with the transfer of rights when a student reaches the age of majority. A lot of their information is about the Applied Studies diploma. VCU and the Transition Coalition have good information on the transition process as well.

V. New Business

- A. Subcommittee update - No changes were made to the subcommittees as established last time.

VI. Public Comment Review

No public comment was made to the SEAC committee this evening.

VII. Adjournment - The next meeting will be January 20, 2020.