

# Warren County Special Education Advisory Committee

## Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 10, 2025

Location: 465 W. 15th St, Front Royal, VA 22630

**\*Please note these minutes are a draft and will be approved at April's meeting.\***

- **Call to Order & Welcome**

Opening Comments: Ms. Griffith, Chair at 6:08pm

Introductions of board members, members and visitors. Welcoming guest speakers.

**Board Members (bold are present): Sarah Griffith, Winnie Ehlinger, Erick Robinson**

**SEAC Members (bold are present): Colin Miller, Marcellus Ehlinge,**

**Carolyn Sheppard, Ignatius Ehlinger, Lori Adams, Kelly Shaffer.**

**Special Education Consultants: Danelle Sperling, Dena Lee**

**School Board Member: Mrs. Funk**

- **Public Input:**

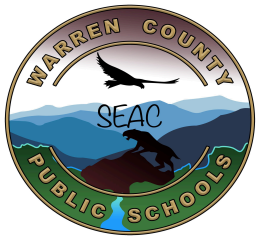
**Mrs. A. Funk would like to share that this past Friday she got to go to Wilson Workforce. This was a really great facility. There were a lot of upgrades to the facility and there were 80 kids in the workforce.**

- **February Meeting Minutes were approved by the SEAC Board with a few corrections. Chair, Sarah Griffith motioned and Mrs. Adams Second the motion. Roll call of committee members with unanimous approval.**

- **Special Services Update:**

**Deputy Director, Mrs. Lee wanted to bring an update of the PEATC portfolio where you can document and keep track of everything and automatically upload all your child's information. Mrs. Lee has all the information with all this information and training opportunities and transition academy. Mrs. Lee informed the committee of the Level 1 and Level 2 of support for Special Education Services and Support. Mrs. Sperling updated the parent survey on the indicators. Mrs. Lee spoke about the indicator of the parent survey of the brief questions for example of "how work you include? Were you an active participant in your child's meeting?". This data is still being collected. Ms. Griffith commented that it would be great for parents of special needs to complete the survey about 4 days a week for students.**

**Director, Mrs. Sperling gave a presentation of the Warren County Public Schools Annual Plan. (Print out of plan was given to committee and guests).**



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- **Guest Speakers:**

DARS “Ian” gave a presentation about the DARS program. This is a state agency that focuses on students that have an IEP/504 plan. They start a career education program. This helps teach them what a resume and interview process is. Once the student is 16 then they are able to take tours of business in the area. To refer a student you must seek the case manager and also Mr. Colin Miller.

DARS is working on a learners permit to help students with obtaining those. Mrs. Sperling commented that this is a great opportunity.

Mr. Miller commented that IAN comes out to BRTC, Charter house and how they take pride in a collaborative effort. WCPS can see what DARS is bringing to our students. Colin says he just greatly appreciates the monthly contact with WCPS and DARS.

Ian states the strongest thing DARS brings to the schools is the support and transition process.

Mrs. L. Adams asked about the percentage of WCPS students with DARS. This is not really a percentage base but it is more of a broader range of students even students going back for DARS services that have aged out of school.

- **Community Input:**

No community input.

- **Teacher Member Update:**

Mr. Miller states how the transition teams are wrapping up the year and getting all the IEP completed and in. There has been a lot of collaboration with the teachers and the end of the year process. There will be a planned activity at the JMU planetarium. They recently also went to the Green Valley Book Fair. Colin wanted to give a shout out to Ms. McCullick she went and renewed her CDL and went through training and now can access CBI and drive the school bus as well to transport the students to these events.

- **Officer Elections:**

Colin Miller teacher member , Carolyn Sheppard 2nd, and approved  
Erick Robinson, Secretary, Colin, approved  
Winnie, VC, sarah 2nd, approved  
Sarah, Chair, L. adams motioned, erick approved.

- **Member update/Community Events:**

Mrs. Ellinger gave updates on the upcoming community events.



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