

Warren County Special Education Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

Monday, October, 21, 2024

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

- **Call to Order & Welcome**

Opening Comments: Ms. Griffith, Chair at 6:04pm.

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 Ehlinger,

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

SEAC Consultants: Danelle Sperling, Dena Lee

- **Public Input:**

- ↳ Darlene Kelly, President of the ARC of Warren gave information on the ARC program. Also, mentioned that they are looking for new members to join.

Ms. Shaffer expressed some concerns with the committee about the “student handbook” with discipline. Ms. Shaffer said that there needs to be more “clarification on the code of conduct and manifestations. Mrs. Lee explained that this is in the Warren County Public Schools policy manual. Mrs. Lee expressed that she can share this information on the policy with the committee. Ms. Shaffer expressed that she would like this to be better interpreted county wide and clear for the parents. Ms. Griffith, explained that a written response can be given to Ms. Shaffer on her further concerns.

- **August 19, 2024 Meeting Minutes were approved by the SEAC Board.**

- **Special Services Update:**

- Mrs. Lee Introduced Mrs. Danelle Sperling as Warren County Public Schools Director of Special Services.

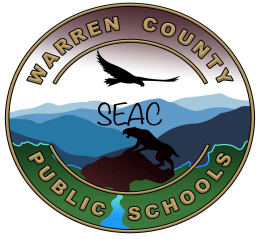
- **Guest Speakers:**

Mrs. Lee updated the committee on the State performance report on 14 indicators. Questions were raised about the Parent Involvement Survey so we can meet Virginia Department of Education’s criteria of >84.00%, we were at 74.04%. The Parent Involvement Survey is given at the end of the IEP. This survey is also available on the website of the parent involvement tab.

There was discussion of the Special Education Advisory Committee doing an IEP “Boot Camp” possibly during the Summer.

Question(s) at end of presentation:

Mrs. Kelly raised a question/discussion on IEP mentors and the ARC of Warren assisting with helping parents understand the “lingo” and “parent friendly language. Mrs. Lee explained that this is also on the website of “SpEd Liaison and IEP Vocab”.



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Mrs. Kaitlin Erdman, WCPS Specialized Programs Coordinator. (Mrs. Lee Presented due to Mrs. Erdmans Absence). PACE program, Inclusive Practice, LRE. was presented and explained in depth.

Question(s) at end of presentation.

Ms. Shaffer asked if the “what to know Wednesday” can be sent out to all WCPS staff “Teachers”.

- Mrs. Megan Moran (WCPS Behavior Support Coordinator) and Mr. Joseph Adams (SMS Learning Center Teacher/Secondary Behavior Support Staff) collaborative presentation on Learning Centers. Presented on Least Restricted Environment (LRE) for students with IEP's. Learning Centers students spend all of some of their day in the learning centers. Mrs. Moran and Mr. Adams explain that the students in the Learning Centers have goals and targets of behavioral improvement and replacements. There are regulations of the placement for a student to be in the Learning Centers and these regulations were explained to the committee. Mrs. Moran and Mr. Adams explained in depth what a Learning Center is and consists of Specific Designed Instruction (SDI), coping skills, self determination skills, individual positive reinforcement system).

Mr. Adams explained to the committee what the “Day in the life of a Learning Center student looks like. This is through scheduling and individualization.

Questions at end of presentation:

Mrs. Laurie Adams asked how many students are in the Learning Centers.

Ms. Shaffer asked about Elementary Learning Centers which Mrs. Moran answered some are for academics and some are for behavioral support which is a wide array.

Ms. Shaffer addressed the committee on Mr. Adams and expressed how well the Learning Center at Skyline Middle School is doing that she sees on a daily basis while working there.

- **Community Input:**

Mrs. Winnie Ehlinger gave updates on upcoming events in Warren County with flyers of information handed out to the committee and visitors.

- **Teacher Member Update:**

Mr. Collin Miller gave an update and also stated that Elements program is loving the new location at Blue Ridge Tech Center.

- Motion made to adjourn meeting, Meeting adjourned.

↳ Next Meeting: Monday February 10, 2025 at 6:00pm