



WARREN COUNTY SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

May 14, 2024

4:30 pm

Call to Order & Welcome

Opening Comments: Ms. Griffith, Chair

Ms. Griffith called the meeting to order at 4:36 pm.

Introductions:

Introductions were made and Ms. Griffith welcomed guests.

In attendance: Kelly Shaffer, Winifred Ehlinger, Ignatius Ehlinger, Marcellus Ehlinger, Erick Robinson, Anthony Whited, Amber Whited, Sarah Griffith, Laurie Adams, Colin Miller, Emily Fritts, Dr. Antoinette Funk, Shamika McDonald, Dena Lee, Crissa Breeden

Public Input:

PLEASE READ: SEAC Bylaws allow for 15 minutes of public input. To ensure everyone fair opportunity, SEAC respectfully requests that all concerns expressed are general comments dealing with global issues. Public input is received without comment during our meeting. Commenters are assured of a response from either SEAC or the Director of Special Services by the next quarterly meeting. We welcome all your concerns.

Ms. Shaffer noted that her son's assistant Ms. Brittany at LFK is amazing.

Special Education Update: Ms. McDonald/ Mrs. Lee

ESY dates are set for this summer.

June 10, 2024 - July 11, 2024 - the locations are HJB, WCMS and WCHS

Special Services had an audit this year and should have our final report within the next four weeks.

Meeting Minutes Approval, April 2024

On a motion by Mr. Miller, and seconded by Ms. Sheppard, the minutes were approved.

Guest Speaker: ELEMENTS Mr. Miller gave an overview of the ELEMENTS program.

Ms. Priest, ELEMENTS teacher, arranged a short video of the program that was presented.

ELEMENTS stands for:

Extensive Learning Environment: Meeting Everyone's Needs, Talents & Strengths.

ELEMENTS is a transition period for students that are 18-22 years old that have earned an Applied Studies Diploma. ELEMENTS students learn by doing, they work community jobs and

spend time in the community working as well as working on adult living skills. They learn how to be active members of the community through civic duty and volunteering.

If you have any questions regarding ELEMENTS, please contact Katie Priest at kpriest@wcps.k12.va.us or Colin Miller at cmiller@wcps.k12.va.us.

Teacher Member Update: Mr. Miller

Mr. Miller combined his update with the presentation on ELEMENTS.

Approval of new members:

The following applications were received and approved as members of SEAC for the upcoming year: (These applications will go before the School Board for final approval.)

Kelly Shaffer
Winifred Ehlinger
Ignatius Ehlinger
Marcellus Ehlinger
Emily Fritts
Erick Robinson
Anthony Whited
Amber Whited
Sarah Griffith
Laurie Adams
Colin Miller

Nominations for the upcoming School Year 24-25:

Erick Robinson was nominated for Secretary - approved by the members - he accepted the position. Laurie Adams has graciously volunteered to be the back-up for this position. Winifred Ehlinger (Winnie) was nominated to remain in her role as Vice Chair- approved by the members- she accepted the position. Sarah Griffith was nominated to remain in her role as Chair - approved by the members - she accepted the position.

Member Input (Community events, etc):

Community Events from Mrs. Ehlinger: See [Flyer](#)

Adjournment:

On a motion by Mr. Ignatius Ehlinger, seconded by Ms. Griffith, SEAC adjourned at 5:24 pm.

Next Meeting:

Date/Time: August 19, 2024 @ 6:00 PM

Location: The Meeting Place, 465 W. 15th Street, Ste: 500, Front Royal, VA 22630