

Prince William County
Special Education Advisory Committee

2020-2021

September 15, 2020 7pm

Virtual meeting

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- I. Opening of meeting:
Call to Order: Jaime Van Echo
Approval of August Minutes: Shelle Witte

- II. Citizen Time:
At every meeting of the SEAC, an opportunity is provided for visitors to make public comment. It is received without SEAC comment. The public comment is summarized in the SEAC meeting minutes. The SEAC is always looking for ideas and suggestions from students, parents and teachers that will improve the education of children with disabilities. The SEAC requests that any concerns expressed include general comments dealing with global issues rather than a specific comment dealing with a personal matter or situation. The Committee suggests that you address concerns about personal situations directly to the Office of Special Education. In accordance with HIPAA regulations, please refrain from using the names of students, teachers, or schools.
Please use the comment box in the virtual meeting to identify your first and last name and magisterial district for the minutes.

- III. Office of Special Education: Return to Learn, Canvas, first week of school
- IV. Office of the Ombudsman Sarah Miller Espinosa, J.D., is privileged to serve as PWCS's first Ombudsman. She joined the school division in August 2019. Prior to joining PWCS, Sarah established the Office of the Ombuds at Montgomery College, a multi-campus community college in Montgomery County, Maryland. Over the past twenty years, she has overseen labor and employee relations programs in the public sector, mediated workplace and regulatory disputes, and served as an arbitrator, conducting hearings and issuing decisions.

- V. Business:
 - Welcome new Gainesville Committee Member, Deborah Tekempe
 - Review of letter to the School Board

- Current vacancies and review of applications.
- Assign a committee to review By-laws Working Document
- Discuss ways to continue outreach while in Virtual Learning, assign roles
- SEPTA update
- Parent Resource Center: Rhonda Tabor

VI. Member Time:

- -Kristie Bowie-Young: Superintendent Representative
- -Yukiko Dove- At-Large
- -Beverly Hicks-Brentsville District
- -Sarah Pitkin- Coles District
- -Deborah Tekempe-Gainesville District
- -Angela Comisky- Neabsco District
- -Brandi Workman-Potomac District
- -Shelley Witte-Woodbridge District
- -Consultant-Rhonda Tabor
- -Consultant-Joi Funches
- Jaime Van Echo-Superintendent Representative
- Vacant-Occoquan District
- Vacant- Teacher Representative
- Vacant-Superintendent Representative
- Vacant-Superintendent Representative

VII. Closing

The SEAC is organized and functions in accordance with state and federal requirements. The Committee's functions include the following: monthly meetings with Director of the Office of Special Education; determining needs of children with disabilities within the county; developing priorities and strategies for meeting identified needs of children with disabilities; preparing and submitting an annual report to the Prince William County School Board.