

# Washington State Special Education Advisory Council

**February 9, 2017**

**Members Present:** Jennifer Lee, Megan Bale, Rebecca Lockhart, Ann Waybright, LouOma Durand, Roz Bethmann, Andres Aguirre, Carrie Fannin, Sarah Butcher, Sherry Krainick

**Excused Absences:** Shari Cotes, Cheryl Fernandez, Darci Ladwig

**OSPI Staff:** Doug Gill, Beverly Mitchell

**Note Taker:** Bev Mitchell

Topic	Discussion	Action	Who/When	Completed
<b>Members meeting with their legislators 8-12</b>				
<b>Lunch – Legislative debrief/discussion</b>	SEAC members had the opportunity to visit with their legislators during the meeting in Olympia. Each member that visited a legislator or with a legislator’s staff person, shared the results of their meetings.			
<b>Nominations for SEAC executive members</b>	All members with the exception of Roz need to reapply at the May meeting. Ballot for the SEAC executive committee group will be sent out two weeks prior to meeting in May. Nominations – Sherry Krainick – Megan Bale – Carrie Fannin – Sarah Butcher –			

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<b>Deputy Superintendent Michaela Miller</b>	<p>Michaela introduced herself to each member, and spoke on working together to fill Doug’s position. She reported that the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) would conduct a visit to OSPI to evaluate the current agency strengths and areas of improvement. Changes were being contemplated due to a new administration and consistent with the new Superintendent’s stated goals.</p> <p>Ann mentioned collaboration between departments as a possible priority of the new administration, and that SEAC should be part of any conversation between departments regarding the improvement of services to students eligible for special education.</p> <p>Michaela responded with how her experience has shown collaboration between departments to be very beneficial. Other members of SEAC shared their thoughts as well.</p>			
<b>Agenda building for May meeting</b>	<p>Discussion on Sarah’s paper (possible). She will send paper to Bev when ready. Bev will proof read and add SEAC logo. *****</p> <p>Second day wrap up of the year. ESSA update Possible site visit – Wenatchee Valley skills center Migrant program school Elections for SEAC executive members Legislative report Dinner together on the 10th</p>			

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<b>Evaluate meeting</b>	Visits to the legislature were beneficial Thanks was extended to those members who would be leaving the council in the 2017-18 school year.	Suggestions that someone from government relations at OSPI come to the February 2018 meeting the day before members go to the hill.  SharePoint site to go over SB and HB for 2018 legislative session.		
<b>Increasing Opportunity... (handout)</b>	Some time was spent going over the one-pager created from previous day's discussion on Social Emotional Learning – "Increasing Opportunity..." Bullet points around the current bills that SEAC supported were also added.			
<b>Members sharing updates</b>	SEAC members shared a variety of updates regarding the provision of special education services from their perspectives or issues they would like for the Council to explore in future meetings.			
<b>Adjourned</b>	The meeting was adjourned at 3 pm.			