

**Washington State Special Education Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes for December 4-5, 2006
Olympia, Washington**

December 4, 2006

Members Present:

Trip Goodall, Chair; Ann Waybright, Executive Committee; Cheryl Fernandez; Heather Hebdon; Janet Gonzalez; Kathleen Wenzl; Mary Alice Heuschel; Monica Meyer; Ron Seifert; Steve Nourse; Susan Dineen.

Excused Absences: Anne Golden, Vice-Chair; Renee Buell.

OSPI Staff: Terry Bergeson; Bob Harmon; Douglas Gill; Jennifer Story; Tonya Middling.

Note Taker: Jessica Diaz, OSPI

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION	WHO/ WHEN	COMPLETED
Call to order:	Chair, Trip Goodall called the meeting to order at 10:00am. The meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.			
Review of SEAC Communication	Trip discussed a miscommunication with the Washington State Special Education Coalition that occurred in the message in SEAC's flyer on the Superintendent's budget proposal that was created at the last meeting. Members were briefed by Trip on the miscommunication and were pleased that the issue has been resolved.			
Dr. Terry Bergeson	Superintendent, Terry Bergeson, spoke briefly about the pending law suit and gave an update on the progress of the trial. She also gave thanks to Director, Doug Gill, for all the time and effort he and staff put into the trial. Dr. Bergeson went on to discuss her plans for the upcoming legislative budget. Handouts were distributed that gave a more precise breakdown of			

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	<p>her proposed budget to further explain her logic.</p> <p>A discussion took place to describe the different ways districts are distributing funds from levies, state and federal dollars.</p> <p>Dr. Joe Willhoft, Assistant Superintendent of Assessment and Research was introduced to discuss a change in the different assessment methods allowed in Washington State. Discussion followed including the committees concern on how some of the options would affect students and districts.</p>			
<p>RTI Presentation- Tonya Middling, OSPI</p>	<p>Tonya Middling gave a short presentation to update SEAC on the progress of Response to Intervention (RTI). She gave an overview of the participant size and audience of recent RTI Trainings. She discussed the collaboration of different departments to continue to spread knowledge and understanding about RTI.</p> <p>Tonya then gave an overview on the status of the pilot RTI sites in each educational services district. Concerns were expressed about the implementation of RTI as a “special education thing instead of a general education thing”. Ms. Middling explained the steps taken to include general education into the RTI process and indicated that all concerns were expressed at each educational service district meeting in an attempt to find more solutions to common concerns.</p> <p>Tonya also informed the committee that she would be working with Lou Colwell to write the State Professional Development Grant and will be asking for input for the SEAC committee.</p>			

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Transition presentation- Cinda Johnson and Lisa Shy	Cinda Johnson and Lisa Shy, from the Center for Transition and Change, gave a presentation on the 2006-2007 transition focus. She provided SEAC with the new changes, concerns from the program, as well as goals. For more information, see the attached PowerPoint.			
Monitoring Presentation- Jennifer Story, OSPI	Jennifer Story gave a brief presentation to review the differences in the three types of monitoring done by the monitoring team. For more information, see the attached PowerPoint.			
Director's Report- Dr. Doug Gill	Dr. Gill began the director's report by giving a brief overview on the status of the trial. He provided an overview of the excess cost accounting project required by the legislature as well as some remaining concerns with the lack of transition services. Discussion followed in an attempt to resolve setbacks in transition. Doug recommended adding post school transition data as an eighth indicator for statewide reporting. He also mentioned that the state regulations and committees are still in the process of being completed.			
Executive Decision	Chair, Trip Goodall made the executive decision to postpone the agenda item of the discussion on the position paper for the Legislature until the following day.			
Review of SEAC Publications	The SEAC tri-fold brochure was reviewed for changes and updates.	Submit changes of the brochure to the executive committee for approval	Jessica Diaz will email changes by December 8 th .	The draft was sent via email to the two attending chair members on December 7 th .
Meeting adjourned for the night	Trip Goodall adjourned the first day of the meeting at 4:45. The meeting was set to begin again at 8:15am the following morning.			

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Call to order:	Day two of the meeting was called to order at 8:25 by Chair, Trip Goodall.			
Motion Proposed by Heather	Heather proposed a motion to write a letter to Terry Bergeson indicating disappointment in the potential removal of certain alternate assessments options. The letter would recommend that Dr. Bergeson encourage the US Department of Education create a similar system of alternate assessment for those students who would benefit from it. The motion was passed.			
Legislative Budget Presentation- Leslie Goldstein	Leslie Goldstein, Assistant Superintendent of Governmental Relations at OSPI, gave an overview of what key things Dr. Bergeson will be lobbying for this session. She explained the lack of funds for new discretionary items. Key interests for Dr. Bergeson with session will focus on: math; professional development; more state support for basic education items (i.e. transportation); dropout prevention; full day kindergarten access for all; the			

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	lack of funding for administrative salaries; and the WASL.			
Legislative Position Paper	The Legislative position paper was reviewed for the upcoming SEAC meeting. It was agreed that SEAC would use the same message as they delivered in 2006.			
Changes to flyer	After reviewing the Legislative recommendations, SEAC members suggested altering the flyer to have it better align with the recommendations.	Jessica Diaz will work with Bob Harmon to make the recommended changes	Trip Goodall will approve the flyer and Jessica Diaz will email the flyer to the committee.	Changes were reviewed by Doug Gill and approved to be posted to the website.
Public Comment -Mary Alice Monica	<p>No public comment speakers were present at this meeting. SEAC Member, Mary Alice Heuschel, suggested a change to the process of recommendation for the earlier noted motion. These new recommendations were passed.</p> <p>Monica Meyer, also a SEAC Member, brought it to SEAC's attention that the Autism Taskforce Recommendations that were sent to the Governor can be viewed on the Department of Health's website.</p>	Jessica Diaz will draft an email to Terry Bergeson suggesting that the Washington is allowed to continue to use the alternate assessments our state has in place until further notice.	Mary Alice will follow up with a phone call to Terry Bergeson, the evening of December 5, to further explain SEAC's recommendation.	The email was sent to Terry Bergeson the afternoon of the 5 th and Mary Alice followed up with the phone call that evening.
Setting the agenda for next SEAC Meeting	SEAC Members decided on what topics to cover at the upcoming SEAC meeting. It was decided that SEAC would request for legislative representatives attend the upcoming meeting.			
Meeting evaluation and adjourn	The evaluation from SEAC members was positive. A concern was expressed that possibly not all members felt they have a chance to speak up on issues. Different options were discussed to try at the upcoming meeting. The meeting adjourned at 12:00pm.			