

**Washington State Special Education Advisory Council  
Meeting Minutes for April 17 & 18, 2008  
Spokane, Washington**

**April 17, 2008**

**Members Present:**

Trip Goodall, Chair; Mary Alice Heuschel, Vice Chair; Ann Waybright, Executive Committee; Heather Hebdon; Renee Buell; Cheryl Fernandez; Kate Wenzl; Ron Seifert; Anne Golden; and Janet Gonzales

**Excused Absences:** Susan Dineen and Steven Nourse

**OSPI Staff:** Bob Harmon; Doug Gill; and, Joe Willhoft

**Note Taker:** Krissy Hall, OSPI

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Who/When</b>	<b>Completed</b>
<b>Called to Order</b>	Trip called the meeting to order at 9:15. The agenda was reviewed and the minutes were approved. Trip introduced Joe Willhoft.	Submit the Final Meeting Minutes from February 2008 for posting	Krissy/ Directly	Thursday April 17, 2008
<b>Assessment Update – Joe Willhoft</b>	Joe updated the group on assessment options for students in special education including what is new this year and what lies ahead. He also covered the new math requirements for the Class of 2012, 2013 and 2014.	Email electronic copy of assessment handout to Krissy	Joe Willhoft/ Monday 4-21-08	
<b>Superintendent’s Update –Assistant Superintendent, Bob Harmon</b>	Bob updated the group on the status of the vacant position of the Migrant and Bilingual Director. Bob has been filling the position in the interim as part of his duties.  Bob then updated the group on the future of the reauthorization of No Child Left Behind (NCLB) which led to a discussion. Heather	Create a White Paper	SEAC members/June Retreat	

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	<p>brought up creating a White Paper with ideas on how the group may approach the legislature regarding NCLB reauthorization and what the paper should include.</p>			
<p><b>Director's Update – Doug Gill w/ Mary Alice Heuschel</b></p>	<p>Doug updated the safety net and where the districts are in regards to funding. He indicated that IEPs were improved and as a result, the likelihood that increases in Safety Net funding are legitimate and probably inevitable.</p> <p>This turned into a discussion on the 2008 Legislative Session and Mary Alice's role in providing legislative representatives from her area with some understanding of the impact their decisions would make on Special Education. Even with a fuller understanding, however, the representative's positions remained the same and she feels that if things continue as they have, districts will be in very serious financial trouble.</p> <p>Further group discussion covered some additional funding for the Special Education Ombudsman position, and how well Kristin Hennessey is doing with both districts and parents.</p> <p>Doug concluded with April 2008 Special Education updates which included the Evaluation and IEP Technical Assistance Training Module (presented to SEAC in March), training schedules provided to</p>			

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	<p>directors in each of the nine regions during the April/May Regional Director's Meetings; 2008 Summer Institute dates; upcoming Safety Net Community Impact (CI) and High Cost Impact (HCI) application resubmission dates; and, upcoming trainings in the area of mediation and conflict resolution sponsored by Sound Options.</p>			
<b>SEAC Dates</b>	<p>Future meeting dates for 2008-09 will be discussed and scheduled at the next meeting, June 5-6, 2008.</p>			
<b>June Retreat Planning – Group Discussion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual Report, to be submitted to Superintendent Bergeson in June.</li> <li>• Report on trends and issues regarding Citizen Complaints, Due Process, and Mediation Cases with Pam McPartland and Kristin Hennessey.</li> <li>• Housekeeping issues including updating the SEAC brochure and elections</li> <li>• Create a White Paper</li> <li>• Legal updates</li> <li>• Bills that may have a particular impact on Special Education operations</li> <li>• Closing on SPDG</li> <li>• Scheduling next year's meeting dates</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Krissy to create a spreadsheet listing the required representation SEAC must have in its members for recruiting purposes</li> <li>2. Email brochure to members for input on updating</li> <li>3. Print out Annual Report and bring to the June retreat</li> <li>4. Update SEAC information on the website</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Members to forward information on contacts to Krissy/ Directly and on-going</li> <li>2. Krissy/ 5-21-08</li> <li>3. Krissy/June</li> <li>4. Doug/Krissy/ 5-21-08</li> </ol>	
<b>Public Comment</b>	<p>There were no individuals who wished to</p>			

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	address SEAC during the public comment period.			
<b>Adjourned</b>	The meeting was adjourned for the day at 4:30.			

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**Guest Speaker:** Donna Dalzell, DVR Supervisor, Spokane, WA

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<b>Day 2, Call to Order</b>	Trip called the meeting to order at 8:45am.			
<b>DSHS, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Donna Dalzell, DVR Supervisor, Spokane WA</b>	Donna began by passing out the DVR annual report long with a power point handout covering how DVR works and what programs they currently offer for K-12 and beyond.  She went on to mention DVR's efforts to reestablish relationships and increase involvement with schools focusing on Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Counselors and Special Education Staff to better understand each other's perspectives and roles.	Email SEAC members the link to DVR website and the link to District DVR Liaisons	Krissy Hall/ ASAP	Completed during the meeting.
<b>RTI Update – ESD</b>	Tonya began by updating the group on the State	Email the RTI ESD	Tonya	



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	for another SPDG update.			
<b>Meeting is concluded and Adjourned for Lunch</b>				