

**Washington State Special Education Advisory Council  
Meeting Minutes for May 28-29, 2009  
Spokane, Washington**

**May 28, 2009**

**Members Present:**

Trip Goodall, Chair; Mary Alice Heuschel, Co-Chair Ann Waybright, Executive Committee Member; Ron Seifert; Anne Golden; Cheryl Fernandez; Steven Nourse; Heather Hebdon; Nancy Pack; and, Lynnae Rutledge

**Excused Absences:**

Anne Shureen Smith and Janet Gonzalez

**OSPI Staff:**

Doug Gill and Bob Harmon

**Note Taker:**

Krissy Hall, SEAC Executive Secretary

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Who/When</b>	<b>Completed</b>
<b>Called to Order</b>	Trip Goodall, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM.			
<b>American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) - Bob Harmon</b>	Bob discussed the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund or SFSF component of ARRA and other features of the ARRA supplemental funding. He also mentioned the Maintenance of Effort (MOE) feature of IDEA and Title 1 funds. Districts can reduce the MOE by up to 50% of <i>the increase</i> in federal funding for special education if their annual performance rating is at least at “meets requirements.” This provision has implications for numerous districts. He also outlined Title I formulas grants for ARRA in which half of the funds were distributed July of 2009, and the remaining half will be distributed July 2010.			
<b>Director’s Report –</b>	Doug clarified that districts are required to			

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<b>Doug Gill</b>	<p>maintain fiscal effort for special education each year without supplanting that effort with federal funds. The ability to reduce effort from one year to the next is relevant to most districts as a result of state and local revenue shortfalls.</p> <p>Doug reported and explained the adjustments that were made to accommodate as many districts as possible in the 2007-08 district determinations. These determinations were the basis for the “meets requirements” rating that would apply to the MOE flexibility for 2009-10.</p> <p>Mary Alice Heuschel commented on what OSPI has done and asked what SEAC could do to enhance the districts understanding of the importance of the determinations process.</p> <p>Nancy Pack raised a question about districts that did not meet requirements and how their decisions on use of funds would affect the 2011-12 school year. This question led to an extended discussion on the importance of using ARRA funds to invest in “infrastructure” and not add new costs which could not be maintained from one year to the next.</p> <p>The group agreed to put together a Position Paper on stimulus (ARRA) dollars.</p>			
<b>LUNCH</b>				

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<b>Housekeeping</b>	Members went over the minutes from the March meeting. Minutes were approved.			
<b>Annual Report and Position Paper Discussion</b>	<p>The group went over the report from last year, discussing the year's progress and accomplishments which led to a discussion about expectations for the 2009-10 school year.</p> <p>Contents of the Position Paper were discussed;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use of stimulus dollars – who is making district level decisions,</li> <li>• Recommendations for use of funds,</li> <li>• Suggest a school board member be made aware,</li> <li>• Being prepared to answer questions from parents, and</li> <li>• Encouragement for districts to view OSPI as a positive resource.</li> </ul>			
<b>Elections</b>	Heather Hebdon moved to continue with the same platform as 2008-09 for 2009-10. Ron Seifert seconded the motion and the group unanimously agreed. The Executive Committee shall remain the same.			
<b>Public Comment</b>	None			
<b>Adjourned</b>	4:30			

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<b>Day 2, Call to Order</b>	Trip called the meeting to order at 9 AM.			
<b>Compliance – Dispute Resolution Update – Pam McPartland (Doug Gill filling in)</b>	<p>Doug provided an overview of the Due Process Hearings in Pam’s absence. Thirteen different decisions were included in this synopsis noting that IEP facilitation preventing 12 disputes from going to due process.</p> <p>The group indicated some concerns with global lists of accommodations being attached to an IEP which led to a discussion about 504 Plans.</p> <p>Lynnae Rutledge commented on Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) and kids with 504 Plans being good candidates for VR services. Since eliminating its waiting list, VR has been interested in serving more transitioning students with 504 Plans. However, there is no specific</p>			

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	504 data available since 504 plans are not monitored by OSPI and schools do not report 504 data to OSPI. As a result, DVR has hired an individual to gather that data for 9-12 grade kids and so far, 95% of districts have reported their data. [Follow up note: all districts completed their reporting and the data reflects that 7,000+ students in 9-12 <sup>th</sup> grades have 504 Plans.]			
<b>RTI Update – David Tudor</b>	David gave the group an update on the new RTI website thanking the group for their feedback from his last presentation, noting the changes made to the site for ease of use.	Email PP handouts to members	Krissy/Directly	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Ombudsman Update – Kristin Hennessey</b>	Kristin updated the group on her progress with website updates. She informed the group of her research with lists of sources and links she has compiled for the website. Kristin is still in the process of researching viability of some sources prior to posting this information.			
<b>Special– Garfield Elementary Picture Presentation</b>	Cheryl Fernandez’ class put together a special presentation and Cheryl brought it for the group to see.			
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<b>Adjourned</b>	<b>Meeting was adjourned at 12:30</b>			