

**Washington State Special Education Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes for February 6-7, 2008
Olympia, Washington**

February 6, 2008

Members Present: Trip Goodall, Chair; Ann Waybright, Executive Committee; Renee Buell; Cheryl Fernandez; Kate Wenzl; Steven Nourse; Ron Seifert; Anne Golden; and, Janet Gonzales

Excused Absences: Mary Alice Heuschel, Vice-Chair; Heather Hebdon; and, Susan Dineen

OSPI Staff: Terry Bergeson; Doug Gill; David Tudor; Joe Willhoft; and, Brian Jeffries.

Note Taker: Krissy Hall, OSPI

Topic	Discussion	Action	Who/When	Completed
Called to Order	Due to adverse weather conditions, Trip called the meeting to order at 9:20. The agenda was reviewed and the minutes were approved after a minor adjustment to attendees present/absent. Trip introduced Superintendent, Terry Bergeson.			
Superintendent's Update	Terry's focus today was on the 2008 Legislative Session. She gave council members an idea of what she would like passed on to legislators including thanking them for their efforts in improving Safety Net. Terry discussed the work that OSPI has done in the Safety Net process and how the process has been streamlined,			
Legislative Position Discussion	Council members took some time to discuss their positions on legislative issues and a "Position Statement" was created.			
Statewide Assessment Options – Joe Wilhoft	Joe began by giving the members a brief background on Locally Determined Assessment (LDA) option then went on to the discuss Statewide Assessment Options, passing out handouts on each, still in draft form and open to committee recommendations.			
Legislative Talk –	Brian went over all the current House and Senate			

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Brian Jeffries	bills directly related to Special Education, explaining what each bill contained and at what stage the bill was in.			
SEAC Dates	Upcoming SEAC meeting dates: April 17-18, 2008 – Spokane June 5-6, 2008 –Retreat – Wenatchee			
Public Comment	There were no individuals who wished to address SEAC during the public comment period.			
Adjourned	The meeting was adjourned for the day at 4:30.			

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February 7, 2008

Members Present:

Trip Goodall, Chair; Ann Waybright, Executive Committee; Renee Buell; Susan Dineen; Janet Gonzalez; Anne Golden; Cheryl Fernandez; Kate Wenzl; Steven Nourse; and, Ron Seifert

Excused Absences: Mary Alice Heuschel, Vice-Chair; and, Heather Hebdon

OSPI Staff: Doug Gill; Bob Harmon; Sandy Grummick; Leslie Pyper; Jennifer Story; and, Valerie Arnold

Guest Speaker: Lynnae Rutledge, Director, DSHS, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

Note Taker: Krissy Hall, OSPI

Topic	Discussion	Action	Who/When	Completed
Day 2, Call to Order	Trip called the meeting to order at 9:00am.			
Legislative Visits – De-Briefing	Each council member updated the committee on which legislators they had visited, or in some cases, legislative assistants. Several council members suggested the importance of following up with their legislators through emails.			
Assistant Superintendent- Bob Harmon	Bob spoke briefly about being the interim Director for Migrant and Bilingual Education and that his position as such would continue for now. However, Bob did mention that OSPI has a new Migrant and Bilingual Program Director, Howard DeLeeuw.			

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<p>Director's Report – Doug Gill</p>	<p>Doug began by again, mentioning the importance of the Safety Net process and the need to allow the process to operate for at least one full cycle before additional adjustments are made. He spoke briefly about the Annual Performance Report (APR), and then gave an update on Citizen Complaints and why we may be seeing an increase in the number filed this year.</p> <p>Doug mentioned a possible concern about the implementation of Senate Bill 6742 which led to a discussion on Autism diagnosis and the variety of services at the district level.</p>			
<p>Lynnae Ruttledge – Director Department of Social & Health Services (DSHS), Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR)</p>	<p>Lynnae started by giving the group a short history of her career leading up to her position as Director of DVR at DSHS. She went on to give an overview of where DVR is now, how they have progressed over the last two years and where she would like to see DVR in the future.</p> <p>Doug brought up concerns about the student's 16th year, noting that it's an anxious transition period, for parents as well, suggesting that a way is found to get vocational rehabilitation information to the high schools.</p> <p>The council members agreed about the need for more opportunities at the high school level for educational training and how important it is in achieving successful transitioning for students with disabilities.</p> <p>Trip suggested handing out the DSHS/DVR Student Transition Guide for greater impact and awareness. Ann mentioned creating some sort of "Employee Recognition", and Kate suggested a DSHS/DVR</p>			

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APR/SPP – Sandy Grummick	booth at “Job Fairs”. Sandy handed out a copy of the APR, mentioned above, to each member of the council – briefly giving an overview of what it contained and how it is directly related to LEA Application and how OSPI monitors districts. She briefly went over data relating to Indicator 15 and again explained the differences between <i>Compliance Indicators</i> and <i>Performance Indicators</i> .			
4 Determinations – Jennifer Story, Val Arnold and Leslie Pyper	<p>Jennifer started by handing out copies of the PowerPoint presentation “Procedural Compliance Training Module”, which is still in draft form pending input from various groups and final approval. Final draft of this module is scheduled for the beginning of April.</p> <p>Jennifer and Valerie went through the module, explaining in depth how it works. Jennifer also handed out a copy of the “Reference Guide”, used in conjunction with the module, which is also still in draft form.</p> <p>Jennifer then passed out a “4 Determinations” handout explaining what each determination was, how each apply to the 20 indicators, and what the <i>Federally Required Criteria</i> is for each.</p> <p>Jennifer, Valerie and Leslie then took questions from the council members. SEAC members agreed with the determinations as amended by the Committee of Practitioners.</p>			
Agenda items suggested for following meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RTI Update – Tonya Middling, OSPI • Assessment Update – Joe Wilhoft, OSPI • Having better informed teachers and how this may be accomplished. • ESD Role and continuity issues statewide. 			

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	(a) How effective are ESD trainings? (b) ESD Pilot? (c) Council members researching an ESD? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DVR Regional person with information on barriers and programs to overcome those barriers. 			
Evaluation and Adjourn	Evaluation – SEAC members feel a need to change the way the public views Special Education. A suggestion was made to create a new <i>Special Education Vision Statement</i> , one which sets forth a positive image. Meeting was adjourned at 2:00pm			