

**Washington State Special Education Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes for March 22-23, 2007
Spokane, Washington**

March 22, 2007

Members Present:

Trip Goodall, Chair; Anne Golden, Vice-Chair; Ann Waybright, Executive Committee; Cheryl Fernandez; Janet Gonzalez; Heather Hebdon; Mary Alice Heuschel; Ron Seifert; Steve Nourse.

Excused Absences: Kathleen Wenzl; Monica Meyer; Susan Dineen; Rene e Buell.

OSPI Staff: Bob Harmon; Pam McPartland.

Note Taker: Jessica Diaz, OSPI

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Call to Order:	Chair, Trip Goodall, called the meeting to order at 9:40am. The meeting minutes were reviewed and approved. Trip reviewed the correspondence received for SEAC. A flyer and application for a SEAC appointment were placed on the information table so other members could review. The application will be provided to Terry with an outline of open positions for her to decide whether to appoint the applicant to SEAC. Trip also read the letter of support that was sent on behalf of SEAC for the State Personnel Development Grant. Trip reviewed the agenda and introduced Bob Harmon for the Superintendent update.	Email letter of support for the RTI Grant to SEAC members	Jessica	3/27/07
		Trip will send a letter to Terry stating which areas we have opened on the SEAC committee with the application.	Trip	3/29/07
Superintendent's Update- Bob Harmon	Terry Bergeson apologized for not being able to attend. Bob went on to discuss the following issues on behalf of Terry:			

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	<p>Outcome of the Sped lawsuit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Judge McPhee rejected the argument that the formula was unconstitutional • Ruled that 12.7 cap was unconstitutional- but could be remedied by the legislature. <p>Discussion followed.</p> <p>Due to the public comment message expressed at the last SEAC meeting, Bob made SEAC aware of a legislative attempt to work with the Governor's office and OSPI to make others aware of the problems arising with alternate assessments, relative to NCLB. The objective is to make a public statement to those teachers, for the work they have been assigned to do, to express empathy and support as well as find a way to send a clear message to Department of Education that Washington State does not agree with all the requirements they are imposing on teachers in relationship to the assessment of students.</p> <p>Mary Alice is recommending that OSPI get some information from across the state making everyone aware that last meeting's public comment speakers' concerns are statewide concerns.</p> <p>A copy of the moving bills through the legislature was passed out to the SEAC.</p>	<p>Bob will take Mary Alice's suggestions back to OSPI and find a way to handle it so that voices are heard.</p>	<p>Bob</p>	<p>In Process</p>

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	<p>These bills will be discussed further during the Director's Report. Some bills touched upon during Bob's update included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A House Bill that creates a new category in safety net for districts that tend to draw a larger population. <p>Another handout was distributed that gave a comparison of the relationship between the Governor's, House's, and Senate's budgets.</p> <p>Bob also passed out a letter the OSPI sent to Senator Patty Murray regarding the changes to the NCLB reauthorization, and Washington's concerns of the impact on students.</p>			
Compliance Resolution Report- Pam McPartland	<p>Pam McPartland reviewed the data of the 2006 Due Process and Citizen Complaints, including numbers, trends, and changes to the IDEA '04 reauthorization in due process and citizen complaints. Mediation was also briefly discussed.</p>			
Regulations Review- Pam McPartland	<p>Pam McPartland explained the timelines for the completion of the Washington Administrative Codes (WACs). Pam reviewed the type of comments wanted from SEAC for the May meeting's Public comment session. Concerns were addressed and questions answered. Discussion followed.</p>	<p>Email the outline of the regulations to SEAC members. Create an email account for the WAC comments to be received</p>	<p>Jessica Jessica/ Helpdesk</p>	<p>3/27/07 3/29/07</p>
Discuss/Plan SEAC's	<p>SEAC members reviewed the format and</p>	<p>Send an email to all</p>	<p>Jessica</p>	<p>3/27/07</p>

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Annual Report	<p>the content ideas of what the committee would like to address in the Annual Report. Study Groups determined :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IEP Training (Trip and Cheryl, Renee, Susan, Monica) • Special Ed Assessment Group (Heather, Ron, Janet, Kate) • Highly Qualified (Anne, Ann, Steve) ; • RTI, Basic Ed funding, DAW. Data Review Process (All Members) 	SEAC members outlining the sub-committees and requesting those individuals who were unable to attend to select a group to be in.		
Select Nominees for Next Year's SEAC Executive Committee	Cheryl and Steve will be preparing an email to send all the SEAC committee for them to respond to in order to nominate a person or agree to be on the executive committee.	Email requesting formal nominations to committee members	Jessica, on behalf of Cheryl and Steve	4/6/07
SEAC Dismissed	The meeting was adjourned for the day at 4:00pm			

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Day 2- Call to Order	Trip introduced Doug for the Director's Report.			
Director's Report- Doug Gill	<p>Doug began the Director's Report by going over the Overview of the Summary of School Districts' Alliance for Adequate Funding of Special Education (Plaintiffs) versus State of Washington (Defendants).</p> <p>Doug reviewed the moving bills that are still "alive" in the legislature, relative to special education, as well as reviewed the House Budget for Special Education</p> <p>On House Bill 507, Line 21– it has been recommended that SEAC members write a letter to support the "Excess Cost" to their senators in order to ensure that they are aware for the need.</p>	Mary Alice will send out a draft email for SEAC members to use as a shell for the letters they send to their own senators regarding the	Jessica	3/26/07

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	Doug then covered the Monthly updates and passed out the 20 indicators for SEAC members to review, requested during the WAC review in order to review a new requirement for the SEAC committee	excess cost method		
State Personnel Development Grant (SPDG) Phone Conference- Lou Colwell and Tonya Middling	<p>Tonya Middling and Lou Colwell participated in a conference call with the SEAC committee that gave an outline of the RTI grant proposal.</p> <p>In depth topics included the Highly Qualified piece, and the behavioral and mental health portion of the grant.</p> <p>The grant will go out today. SEAC members voiced their opinions once again on the approval of support of Lou and Tonya's work.</p> <p>Discussion followed after the conference call regarding SEAC's role in the grant management.</p>	Copy of the submitted grant will be sent via email to SEAC members	Tonya or Jessica Diaz	3/27/07
Public Comment	No public comment speakers.			
Set Agenda for Next SEAC Meeting (Retreat), Evaluation, and Adjourn	<p>Agenda items for the Next SEAC meeting were discussed. For a more in depth version of the items on the next meeting agenda, please visit our website.</p> <p>Evaluation- SEAC members agreed that this was a good meeting. They feel they are becoming more productive in a shorter amount of time and agree that the smaller council is more manageable.</p> <p>Adjourned at 1:30.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Send Trip the 05-06 Annual Report to begin editing for the 06-07 year. 	Jessica	3/27/07