

**Washington State Special Education Advisory Council  
Meeting Minutes for September 25-26, 2008  
Homewood Suites, Hilton - Vancouver, Washington**

**September 25, 2008**

**Members Present:**

Trip Goodall, Chair; Ann Waybright, Executive Committee; Ron Seifert; Anne Golden; Anne Shureen Smith; Cheryl Fernandez; Janet Gonzalez; Steven Nourse; Nancy Pack; and, Lou Oma Durand (sitting in as alternate for Lynnae Ruttledge)

**Excused Absences:**

Mary Alice Heuschel, Vice Chair; Lynnae Ruttledge; and, Heather Hebdon

**OSPI Staff:**

Doug Gill; Bob Harmon (via telephone); and, Leslie Pyper

**Note Taker:**

Krissy Hall, Administrative Assistant/SEAC Executive Secretary

Topic	Discussion	Action	Who/When	Completed
<b>Called to Order</b>	Trip called the meeting to order at 9:15. New members were introduced and Trip gave a short overview of the council's purpose emphasizing that Special Education students are General Education students first. April 2008 Meeting Minutes were approved. June 2008 Meeting Minutes were also approved.			
<b>Housekeeping</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ann Waybright led the discussion on 08-09 SEAC elections where suggestions were made to keep the current Chair, Vice-Chair and Executive Committee. A motion was made and seconded to approve the suggestion.</li> </ul>			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The group went over their Goals and Priorities for the 2008-2009 school year</li> </ul>			

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Members agreed to the following as the year's meeting dates and locations:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ JAN 22-23, 2009 – Olympia WA</li> <li>✓ MAR 12-13, 2009 – Spokane WA</li> <li>✓ MAY 28-29, 2009 – Leavenworth WA</li> </ul> </li> </ul>			
<b>Determinations Update – Leslie Pyper</b>	<p>Trip introduced Leslie Pyper, OSPI Program Review Team. Leslie provided an overview of the 20 federally required performance indicators focusing on the 4 levels of determinations to be assigned to districts, and OSPI's game plan for this year's data. The agency will be focusing on federal requirements placing an emphasis on technical assistance for districts along with establishing baseline determinations for 2008-09 with full implementation of the determinations for the 2009-10 school year. Leslie went over the criteria for each level of determinations including federally mandated enforcement activities.</p>			
<b>Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) Update – Bob Harmon, Assistant Superintendent – Special Programs and Federal Accountability – (via teleconference)</b>	<p>Bob gave the council a brief update on AYP starting with what will be available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A preliminary number/list of schools in each step of "improvement" status;</li> <li>• A preliminary number/list of districts in each step of "improvement" status; and,</li> <li>• Online report cards reflecting preliminary results for all schools and districts.</li> </ul> <p>Bob went over some of the testing history from 2002; the year NCLB testing began (Grades 4, 7 and 10) for both elementary and high school and explained the participation requirements and factors that may affect proficiency ratings. Bob went on to list the steps taken for</p>			

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	<p>improvement as a result of not making AYP two years in a row in the same area (proficiency, participation or other indicator) finishing up with AYP changes in 2008.</p> <p>In summary, Bob had a few key messages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✦ More schools and districts will not make AYP this year, but that does not mean they are failing;</li> <li>✦ Multiple measures show Washington schools are continuing to raise student achievement; and,</li> <li>✦ Significant changes must be made to <i>No Child Left Behind</i> (NCLB) to save the goal; it is far too punitive, has several implementation flaws.</li> </ul> <p>Message from Superintendent Terry Bergeson: <i>“Keep the faith; focus on the spirit, not the negatives, in the face of our challenges.”</i></p>			
<p><b>Higher Education – Special Addition: “Recruiting Washington Teachers- Dr. Steven Nourse</b></p>	<p>Dr. Nourse informed the council on a collaborative project he was involved in between the Renton School District and Central Washington University. It was a summer academy for students introducing them to college life, and the opportunities that are available to them in the field of teaching. These students learned about new teaching strategies, they were taken on a campus tour and were able to participate in tech lab on digital camera use.</p> <p>Over 30 students submitted applications. 22 were selected through the application process along with their responses to additional essay</p>	<p>Forward Steve’s presentation to the council members.</p>	<p>Krissy/Directly</p>	<p>9/29/08</p>

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	questions and individual teacher recommendations. 20 students enrolled in the Summer Academy.			
<b>Public Comment</b>	None			
<b>Director's Update – Doug Gill</b>	Doug went over the September Updates and Anne Shureen Smith gave the council an overview of Early Childhood/Part C to B.			
<b>Adjourned</b>	Trip wrapped up the meeting after going over the SEAC 2007-2008 Annual Report and the council adjourned for the day at 5:15			

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**OSPI Staff:**

Doug Gill; Mary Ellen Parrish; and S. David Tudor

**Note Taker:**

Krissy Hall, Administrative Assistant/SEAC Executive Secretary

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<b>Day 2, Call to Order</b>	Trip called the meeting to order at 8:45. Discussion continued from the previous day on council priorities for 2008-2009 which led to a discussion on services for English Language Learner (ELL) students.			
<b>Safety Net Update – Mary Ellen Parrish</b>	Over \$913 million in state and federal funding is available to districts as a result of the excess cost methodology applied in 2007-08. Safety Net awarded \$38 million in 2007-08. Mary Ellen notes that Safety Net is something the state chooses to award, it is not an entitlement. Districts requesting funds must show financial need (Worksheet A) and must submit supporting documents (Worksheet C).			

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	Mary Ellen recapped the 2007-2008 legislative changes which included adding the Community Impact category to safety net, and new legislative requirements for OSPI to review and strengthen the application process; and, appropriating the funding for two full time employees (Janice Tornow and Cherie Patterson).			
<b>Update on State Personnel Development Grant (SPDG)– S. David Tudor</b>	David updated the group on district wide training for the SPDG, emphasizing the importance of training teachers to use data and make data based decisions. There were numerous questions from the council on the grant process and progress. David asked for suggestions from the council on ways to provide support in identifying district need for training. He will update his presentation for January.	Forward the SPDG Scoring Rubric spreadsheets to council members.	Krissy/ASAP	10/6/08
<b>Housekeeping (continued) – Discussion led by Ann Waybright</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> More edits to the SEAC Bylaws were noted. Edits to be made and document to be prepared for Terry’s signature. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Update SEAC information on the k12 website.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Email draft of Bylaws to members for approval. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Update and send information to Sandy for posting.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Krissy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Krissy	10/15/08  10/8/08
<b>January Agenda Planning</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Council talked about an early December pre-legislation session conference call. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sending out a reminder to members at that time to contact their legislative representative.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Set up pre-legislative session conference call. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Email reminder.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Krissy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Krissy	Early Dec.
<b>Agenda Items</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Legislative Position Paper <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reauthorization Proposals <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Important for Superintendent to attend the January meeting! <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jennifer Priddy – present on Superintendent’s proposed budget <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bob Harmon – NCLB	Update the brochure and make copies for distribution during session.	Krissy	1/15/09

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	✓ S. David Tudor – another SPDG update			
<b>Adjourned</b>	<b>Meeting was adjourned at 1:45</b>			