**SEAC AGENDA**

**March 09, 2021**

- Welcome

- Introductions

- Motion to approve minutes

- Speakers: Jeff Prillaman, Executive Academy Director; Academies

* Academies will be referred to as “learning communities” as of 2023.
* Learning communities falls under the high school redesign
* Purpose: we open up opportunities to all students across the division
* No application process moving forward
* Will be used for students to work together in small cohorts of other students who share similar interests.
* Will prepare students for post-secondary experience.
* Current academies:
  + Environmental Studies
  + Health and Medical Sciences
  + Math and Engineering
  + Information and Communication Technology (Center One)
  + JROTC
  + Murray Community High School (Arts-infused international baccalaureate)
  + CATEC
* Basing the new learning communities on Virginia’s career clusters
* Within each school, there will be learning communities, and within each learning community there will be groupings of career clusters. Each career cluster will have pathways that are accessible to students.
* Possible future learning communities:
  + Entrepreneurship & business
  + Multimedia Arts
  + Human Services
  + Performing Arts
  + Creative Arts
  + Technical Services
* Questions:
  + What will be done instead of applications (especially if there is more interest than space)?
    - This year we just had an interest form, and there was much more space than students. We are going to remove that barrier moving forward and hoping we do not have that issue; it has not been an issue with other school systems we have studied.
  + 5-10% of the population have IEPs/504 plans (estimated, this data may be outdated)

- PRC Update

* Held second parental educational opportunity on Cowriter.
* Process of editing this so that it can be posted so people can access it.
* We are much closer to being able to reveal the partnership with Jefferson Madison Public Library. Books are coming in.
* We’ve set up ordering new books bi-annually.
* We are seeing an increased number of parents who are reaching out to the PRC.

- Committee Updates :

* Parent Council
  + Nicole has minutes for this. In Feb, they put out an invitation for parents/representatives to attend the culturally responsive teaching initiative meetings.
  + Discussed stage 4 and what that would look like.
  + Discussed the Families Helping Families program
  + Stephanie was able to introduce our mental health agenda at this last meeting.
* Health Advisory
  + Lots of discussion around entering into phase 4.
  + Discussion of CDC guidelines regarding school re-opening.
  + There cannot be a requirement for teachers to get vaccines. Policies will likely be similar to policies around the flu vaccine (potentially people who do not get vaccinated may be required to wear PPE).
* Strategic Design Team / Contemporary Schooling Initiative/ Portrait of a Graduate
  + No specific updates

- Business:

* Annual SPED Budget Report
  + This is a report that Kevin submits through the school board back to the DOE
  + Assurances: Essentially verifying that we will follow the federal guidelines and laws
  + Statement of barriers to our programs (i.e., citations issued by the office of civil rights)
  + Accounting of the fact that spent the money given to us as part of the budget last year.
  + Kevin does some fancy and important equations to estimate total amount spent and total amount we will send.
  + Federal government allocates which portions of the budget must be set aside for certain categories of services
  + We have one of the longest running streaks of having to set money aside to address equality disparities of any school district in Virginia.
  + The rest of the budget is a description of what the money is spent on.
  + One of the priorities is to increase the living wage of the instructional assistant staff.
* Advisory letter to School Board: review last year; proposed items for Spring 2021 Annual Report
  + Motioned and Approved!!

- Review Meeting Schedule & Proposed Speakers

- Public Comment

* None

- Announcements

* Michael (PRC) announces that the next parent educational opportunity will be Kevin presenting about the different bases.

Adjournment

**SEAC Meeting Schedule 20-21**

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| Tuesday, April 13, 2021   * Michael Craddock, Director of Information and Communication Technology Academy (ICT Academy) / Center I * Nominate Officers for 21-22 year |
| Tuesday, May 11, 2021:   * Vote on Officers for 21-22 year |