

**WASHINGTON COUNTY SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING
October 3, 2017**

The Washington County Special Education Advisory Committee met at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, October 3, 2017 in the Special Services Office. The following members and guests were present: Doug Arnold, Marian Berryman, Angie Cullop, Mary Malina, and Faye Morris. Attending from Special Services Staff were Jessica Berry, Lisa McCoy and Connie Phillips.

Ms. Phillips welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the Special Education Advisory Committee for the 2017-2018 school year. She spoke about staff changes throughout the division. Five teachers were hired to replace retiring teachers or teachers who moved out of the division: Sarah Hayden (EBSMS), Lynn Lewis (JSB), Nicky Buckley (PHHS/MVES), Laura Johnson (GSMS) Tina Frazier (AES) and Ryan Nutter (AHS). Ms. Phillips spoke about the active search to replace the speech therapist vacancy at Greendale Elementary School and options being explored to fill the position.

Ms. Phillips reviewed the Special Education Performance Report which is a report mandated by the Individual with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) requiring each state to report to the public on state-level data and individual school division data. She also reviewed the Part B Results Driven Accountability Matrix (compliance report). Washington County School Division's Annual Performance Report and Part B Results Driven Accountability Matrix can be found on the VDOE website. Ms. Phillips talked about graduation rate for students with disabilities and the tremendous progress schools and students have made towards obtaining Standard and Advanced Standard Diplomas.

Ms. Berry, school psychologist, and Ms. McCoy spoke about a newly formed group participating in a book study focusing on the book by Marcia L. Tate called "Shouting Won't Grow Dendrites". The book is designed to develop positive classroom management techniques and to grow leaders within schools that can share their knowledge and techniques to build positive classroom cultures. Ms. Berry and Ms. McCoy highlighted aspects of the book study and the goals. Ms. Berry showed the Google Classroom platform members of the group will utilize to develop a dialogue about classroom culture and to share research based techniques.

Ms. Morris indicated there were changes to Medicaid for students with disabilities; she plans to share the information with the Special Education Advisory Committee in a future meeting. With no further questions or concerns, the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes submitted by:

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