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SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

5708 Cornerstone Drive, Lansing, Michigan

October 7, 2015, 10:00 a.m.

Participants

Delegates Present:

Heather Bird, Barbara Brish, Jim Corr, Paulette Duggins, Jason Feig, Latika Fenderson, Maggie Kolk, Kimberly Love, Craig McCalla, Mark McKulsky, Nicole Miller, Wendy Minor, Caryn Pack-Ivey, John Patterson, Sue Pearson, Kira Rockman, Steven Stoner, David Tebo, Lori Torres, Jennifer Trackwell, Vicki White, Kimberly Witt, William Young

Alternates Present:

Marcia O'Brien for Sara Park, Terri Henrizi for Jane Shank

Ex-Officio Present:

LaDean George for Heather Gay, James Thomas, Benjamin Williams, Cynthia Wright

MDE Staff Present:

Oren Christmas, Meredith Hines, John Jaquith, Deb Maurer, Nancy Rotarius, Julie Trevino, Jan Weckstein

Guests Present:

Michelle Driscoll, Michelle Peckham,, Holly Sasso,

Facilitator:

Fran Loose

Minutes

I. Call to Order

Jason Feig called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

II. Roll Call

The SEAC Secretary, Meredith Hines, read the roll call. A quorum was present.

Introduction of Guests

Guests were introduced.

III. Approval of Proposed Agenda

Maggie Kolk moved, seconded by Mark McKulsky, that the Special Education Advisory Committee approve the October 7 agenda as amended. The Bylaws committee will meet in the cafeteria from 12:00 to 12:15. The vote was taken on the motion. Motion carried.

IV. Approval of June 3 Meeting Minutes

Lori Torres moved, seconded by Barbara Brish, that the Special Education Advisory Committee approved the June 3 minutes. The Vote was taken on the motion. Motion carried.

V. Public Comment

None presented

VI. Chairperson's Report

- A. The Chairperson reviewed the agenda focus points.
- B. Retreat Evaluation – The overwhelming response was that it provided the opportunity to get to know one another and to understand SEAC's role and function.
- C. 2014-2015 Annual Report will go to the State Board of Education next week.

VII. Michigan Department of Education Report

PowerPoint presentations will be posted to the web in PDF format and emailed via listserv to members the day after the meeting. Jan Weckstein presented on behalf of Teri Chapman.

VIII. Ex-Officio Reports

There were no Ex-Officio reports presented.

IX. Committee Work Group Reports

The Norms Group, chaired by Kim Love, finalized their work and submitted this proposed statement for SEAC vote, "Our professional community commits to:

- A. Listening for understanding
- B. Asking questions to learn
- C. Being present and engaged at the meeting
- D. Respecting all views and perspectives

X. Becoming a Top 10 State in Ten Years, chaired by Barbara Brish, reported that their group has narrowed the topics to include:

- A. Professional learning
- B. Competency based educational programming
- C. Keep kids in school as a mechanism for supporting student success

XI. SAT

Steven Stoner reported the committee will finalize its work in November for submission to the SBE in December.

XII. Bylaws

The work of this group is ongoing until such time as the group has recommendations for Bylaw revision at which time changes will be presented to the SEAC and a vote taken to adopt the changes.

XIII. Information Items

A. State Performance Plan (SPP)/Annual Performance Report (APR)

Oren Christmas and Julie Trevino provided background information on the document including results and compliance indicators.

Michigan received a needs assistance determination from the U.S. Department of Education because of performance on results indicators were

low. The SEAC will be asked to help set targets for those indicators at future meetings.

B. SAT Implementation Presentation

Ted Gardella from the College Board presented a PowerPoint which was shared with SEAC members on Understanding the College Board Accommodations Process. The PowerPoint was sent via GovDelivery to members the day after the meeting.

XIV. Action Items

- A. Kim Love moved, seconded by Barbara Brish that the Special Education Advisory Committee approve the meeting norms as presented. The vote was taken on the motion. Motion carried.
- B. A motion was made and seconded to finalize the Top 10 State n Education in Ten Years topics for SEAC final review and online vote in order to submit to Superintendent Brian Whiston by November 1. Vote was taken. Motion carried.

XV. Legislative Information

- A. Benjamin Williams, Legislative Liaison, shared a prioritized listing of pending legislation based on anticipated House and Senate action.
- B. There have been several amendments to HB 4822, 3rd grade literacy bill. The Michigan Department of Education supports the legislation without retention. Nancy Rotarius shared concerns about child find obligations and assessment language in terms of IDEA compliance.
- C. SB358 regarding teacher certification passed.
- D. Public comment is still being received on the social studies and science standards although the period for comment is coming to an end soon.

XVI. Member Questions/Comments/Announcements

- A. Latika Fenderson voiced American Federation of Teachers' concern regarding the retention aspect for HB 4822 and what the SEAC stance may be regarding the bill.
 - 1. The bill is expected to be final before November, so SEAC is unlikely to have time to prepare/submit comments.

2. Individuals and member organizations may contact their legislators if they wish.
3. The SEAC agreed that those individuals/organizations who have submitted position statements will share them with SEAC. These will be circulated to all SEAC members as resources for other individuals/organizations wishing to communicate with legislators.

XVII. Summary of Future Agenda Considerations

- A. Feedback on the process followed for today's meeting
- B. SPP Indicator 6
- C. SAT Implementation

XVIII. Process Check

To obtain State Continuing Education Clock Hours, SEAC members must have a PIC number through MOECS.

Members are allowed only two absences; more than that will disqualify receipt of SCECH for the entire year. Morning and afternoon breaks and a nonworking lunch must be observed.

XIX. Adjournment

John Patterson moved, seconded by Nicole Miller that the meeting be adjourned. Vote was taken. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.