

Special Education Advisory Committee

MEETING MINUTES

February 3, 2016, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
5708 Cornerstone Drive, Lansing, Michigan

Participation

Delegates Present:

*Heather Bird, Barbara Brish, *Jim Corr, Paulette Duggins, Latika Fenderson, Maggie Kolk, *Andy Kowalczyk, Kimberly Love, Craig McCalla, Mark McKulsky, Teri Metros, Nicole Miller, Wendy Minor, *Denyeal Nesovski, Caryn Pack-Ivey, Sara Park, John Patterson, Sue Pearson, Kira Rockman, Amy Sanderson, David Tebo, Lori Torres, Jennifer Trackwell

Alternates Present:

Tom Greene for Steven Stoner, *Terri Henrizi for Jane Shank

Ex-Officio Present:

Teri Chapman, Laquita Featherstone, Janet Kaley, Pam Kies-Lowe, Amy Schelling, James Thomas

MDE Staff Present:

Meredith Hines, Linda Howley, Deb Maurer, Joanne Winkelman

Facilitator:

Fran Loose

Guests Present:

Robert Dickinson, Jill Fennessy, Laura Guzman, Phil Jankowski, Nancy Jaskiw, Lois Lofton-Doniver, Michelle Peckman, April Sawhill, Holly Sasso, Mark Smith, Nancy Spanski, Megan Taylor

*Participated via phone due to inclement weather.

Minutes

I. Call to Order

Maggie Kolk 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.

III. Introduction of Guests

Guests were introduced.

IV. Approval of Proposed Agenda

Tom Greene moved, seconded by Kim Love that the Special Education Advisory Committee approve the February 3, 2016 amended agenda. The vote was taken on the motion. Motion carried.

V. Approval of January 6, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Mark McKulsky moved, seconded by Jennifer Trackwell that the Special Education Advisory Committee approve the January minutes. The vote was taken on the motion. Motion carried.

VI. Public Comment

None present.

VII. Chairperson's Report

A. Today's focus

- a. Native American Students with IEPs,
- b. Personal Curriculum,
- c. Challenging Behavior in Schools,

- d. Action on applicant organization presentations in preparation for on-line voting for recommendations to the State Board of Education.
 - B. Information on Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress (M-STEP).
 - C. Report from Executive Committee Meeting
 - a. Status of Annual Report:
 - i. Amended Bylaws and Procedures regarding membership.
 - b. Summary of last month's Survey/Evaluation
 - i. There were no comments.
 - c. Due Process Hearing Reports Received – From July 1, 2015 – January 15, 2016 there were 34 Due Process complaints filed, 16 Due Process complaints dismissed and 8 withdrawn. One Decision and Order was issued on November 20, 2015.
 - d. Norms Reminder: Our professional community commits to:
 - i. Listening for understanding.
 - ii. Asking questions to learn.
 - iii. Being present and engaged throughout the meeting.
 - iv. Respecting all views and perspectives.

VIII. MDE, Office of Special Education Report

- A. Flint Water Crisis, emergency state funding HB5220 for \$28 million, water bottle recycling planning is underway
- B. Michigan School for the Deaf
 - a. The MSD is addressing the water crisis in the school and dorms.
 - b. CeCe Winkler will retire as principal at the end of the school year. Civil Service is defining the position requirements.
 - c. Lt. Governor Calley visited the school and spoke to the students.
- C. Superintendent Whiston is presenting the Seven Strategic Goals supporting the Top 10 in 10 to the State Board of Education on February 9.

- D. Lt. Governor Calley will present the Task Force report to the State Board of Education on February 9 at 3:00 p.m.
- E. MDE Tribal Liaison work
 - a. United Tribes in Michigan in Lansing on February 9.
 - b. Michigan Tribal Education Director meeting in Grand Rapids on February 17.
 - c. National Indian Education Association Conference in Washington D.C. on February 25.
- F. State Complaint System Improvement – Pingora Consultants met with 4 stakeholder groups and over 70 individuals. This is ongoing to provide assistance and improve the State Complaint system.
- G. State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP) – The SSIP is now part of the Top 10 in 10. Phase 2 is due to the US Department of Education on April 1, 2016. The framework is helping with the reimagining of MSD, state complaints, monitoring and accountability, technical assistance, professional development and transition coordinator and services.

IX. Information Item: M-STEP

Linda Howley provided information and a summary of the M-STEP updates for 2016. Information was given regarding the online needs and session timelines. The M-STEP web page provides districts many resources and practice tests so that technology infrastructure can be tested. She explained how the assessment time and components are being reduced in 2016. Also, discussed were the sample items sets, the pen/pencil version and testing schedule. She also recruited individuals to help with new item writing and associated tasks.

X. Ex-Officio Member Reports

A. There were no Ex-Officio reports in February.

XI. SEAC Committee/Work Group Reports and Action Items

- A. Information Item-Native American Students: Amy Schelling stated the workgroup looked at data and it doesn't tell the story for all students. There is a need to look at data more closely and make improvements. The charge is to improve education for all students. The workgroup is developing a general statement and is looking into presenting it to the State Board in April.
- B. Information Item-Personal Curriculum: Maggie Kolk reported that the workgroup looked at some unmet needs, responsibilities of transition coordinators and what they might need to know. They must be aware of Michigan merit curriculum. The workgroup stated there is a lot of work to do to move in this direction.
- C. Information Item-Behavior: Sue Pearson provided ideas that the workgroup discussed. This included the need for an advocacy component, resources in general education, mental health professionals in the schools, and staff training. There is an understanding that PBIS is not always implemented effectively.

XII. Member Questions/Comments/Announcements

- A. Perspectives of Members-at-Large and organization/agency representatives
 - a. How can we narrow down topics that the committees work on so that they can have greater impact? They seem to be very broad topics.
 - b. The need for supporting mental health, including needed funding.
- B. Topics for future Committee of the Whole or Sub-Committee or Executive Committee Consideration – None given

XIII. Presentations by Organizations Seeking Seats on the SEAC

- A. Michigan Public Accounting and Attendance Association (MPAAA)
- B. Michigan Association of Computer Users in Learning (MACUL)
- C. Michigan Reading Association (MRA)
- D. Network of Michigan Educators
- E. Down Syndrome Association of West Michigan

XIV. March Agenda Forecast

- A. Results of voting on potential new SEAC organizations
- B. Nominations of 2016-2017 Executive Committee Members
- C. Michigan Behavior and Learning Support Initiative (MiBLSi) guest presentation

XV. Process Check: On-line Survey/Evaluation

Chairperson Maggie Kolk reminded members to fill out the online survey that is received electronically this afternoon.

XVI. Adjournment

Nicole Miller moved, seconded by Lori Torres that the meeting be adjourned.
Meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.