

Special Education Advisory Committee

MEETING MINUTES

March 2, 2016, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
5708 Cornerstone Drive, Lansing, Michigan

Participation

Delegates Present:

Barbara Brish, Latika Fenderson, Maggie Kolk, Ronna Steel, David Tebo, Vicki White, William Young

Alternates Present:

*Michelle Driscoll, Donald Hubler for Mark McKulsky, Terri Henrizi for Jane Shank, Tom Greene for Steven Stoner, Lois Lofton-Doniver

Ex-Officio Present:

Teri Chapman, Laquita Featherstone, Janet Kaley, Rosanne Renauer for Cynthia Wright, Amy Schelling, Benjamin Williams

Participating by Phone:

Heather Bird, Jim Corr, Michelle Driscoll, Andy Kowalczyk, Kimberly Love, Craig McCalla, Teri Metros, Nicole Miller, Denyeal Nesovski, Caryn Pack Ivey, Sara Park, Sre Pearson, Kira Rockman, Lori Torres,

MDE Staff Present:

Meredith Hines, Deb Maurer, Joanne Winkelman

Facilitator:

Fran Loose

Guests Present:

Kriya Gaillard, Steve Goodman, Lynn LaPointe, Debbie Rock, Ann Rossi, Holly Sasso

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 Barbara Brish that the Special Education Advisory Committee approve the March 2, 2016 amended agenda. The vote was taken on the motion. Motion carried.

V. Approval of February 3, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Lori Torres moved, seconded by Barbara Brish that the Special Education Advisory Committee approve the February minutes. The vote was taken on the motion. Motion carried.

VI. Public Comment

None present.

VII. Chairperson's Report – Maggie Kolk

A. Today's focus

- a. Presentation on Positive Behavior and Intervention Supports (PBIS).
- b. Committee Work
 - i. Personal Curriculum
 - ii. Challenging Behavior in School
 - iii. Native American Students with IEPS
- c. Nominations for the 2016-17 potential Executive Committee members.

- B. Report from Executive Committee Meeting
 - 1. New SEAC Organizations beginning with the 2016-2017 school year are Michigan Association of Computer Users in Learning, Michigan Reading Association and Down Syndrome Association of West Michigan.
 - 2. Status of Annual Report:
 - a. SEAC's SAT communication may go to the State Board of Education and SEAC organizations in May.
 - b. Summary of last month's Survey/Evaluation
 - i. Teri provided a brief update on Flint special education referrals per requests for information in the survey.
 - ii. Per February feedback, Maggie reminded participants of the importance of using a microphone when speaking, so that phone participants could hear.
- C. Due Process Hearing Report was received by Joanne Winkelman – From July 1, 2015 – February 15, 2016 there were 37 Due Process complaints filed, 20 Due Process complaints dismissed and 9 withdrawn. There was 1 expedited complaint.
- D. Norms Reminder: Our professional community commits to:
 - a. Listening for understanding
 - b. Asking questions to learn
 - c. Being present and engaged at meetings
 - d. Respecting all views and perspectives

VIII. MDE, Office of Special Education Report – Teri Chapman

- A. Flint Water Crisis Update – Lead is only in blood for 30 days so resources are for all children that have been exposed. OSE is working closely with Genesee ISD.

- B. Responsibilities of the OSE – There are five stages, Contact, Cooperation, Coordination, Collaboration and Convergence. These will help to design an improved partnership with MDE>ISD>LEA>Schools.
- C. OSE monitoring and technical assistance will see changes. The state is going to fund a monitoring team that will work with ISD’s so that more technical assistance can be provided.
- D. For Transition there will be new competency expectations and funding for support.
- E. Lt. Governor Calley announced a bill to mandate the requirements pertaining to the emergency use of seclusion and restraint. The Lt. Governor highly promotes the use of PBIS.
- F. Pingora Consulting has submitted their preliminary report and more stakeholder meetings will be scheduled.
- G. The State Performance Plan/Annual Performance Report was submitted in January. The State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP) is in the final writing stage. The SSIP will be submitted by April 1. MiBLSi will contribute to the plan. The OSEP funded TA State Implementation of Scaling Up of Evidence-based Practices (SISEP) initiative has accepted Michigan as one of six states to support.
- H. Indian Education Initiative (IEI) team members to support MDE are: Lynn LaPointe, Kriya Gaillard and Jennifer Huisken-LaPointe. The Michigan Tribal Education Directors have asked IEI to host their fall quarterly meeting.
- I. Target Setting Process for Indicators 6-Preschool Environments and 7-Preschool Outcomes – The Indicator Team identified a need to reset targets. Data was analyzed and reviewed. It was determined that 59% of the proposed targets were modified based on SEAC input.

IX. Information Item: Positive Behavior and Intervention Supports

In support of the Challenging Behavior committee’s work, Steve Goodman, Director of MiBLSi, provided an overview of Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS). PBIS is a Framework for enhancing adoption and

implementation of, Continuum of evidence based interventions to achieve, academically and behaviorally important outcomes for, all students. Steve explained that emphasis is placed on the prevention of problem behavior through creating predictable environments, teaching appropriate behavior and acknowledging appropriate behavior. He provided examples of districts that have been successful with PBIS and what they did to put in place systems of support.

X. Ex-Officio Member Reports

A. MDE Office of Public and Governmental Affairs – Legislative Liaison Report Benjamin Williams regarding Detroit Public Schools (DPS) Bills Senate Bill 710 and 711, House Bill 5382-5387.

- a. There will be two districts within the DPS: Qualified School District and Community School District (CSD). The debt will rest with the Qualified School District. The school board will be composed of 9 members, 5 elected by the Governor, 4 appointed by the Mayor. An elected school board will come in November and become effective January 1, 2017. The House version has the elected board not becoming effective for 8 years.
- b. Some teachers in DPS may not be required to be certified if certain steps are followed. There would be merit pay for new teachers and raises based on student growth.
- c. HB 5386 regarding retirement of Detroit City teachers hired after June 30, 2016 would qualify only as a Tier 2 member and contribute 6% to their retirement. Bills are still in committee.
- d. The CSD would have a balanced calendar for schools where there would be no more than 30 consecutive calendar days off at any given time.

B. Michigan Rehabilitation Services- Roseanne Renauer for Cynthia Wright. MRS is working on policy changes as a result of Workforce Investment Opportunities Act. There are business initiatives regarding hiring of individuals with disabilities. She highlighted successes where MRS is in

partnership with Department of Natural Resources where students learn how to apply for jobs.

XI. SEAC Committee/Work Group Reports and Action Items

- A. Information Item - Bylaws Committee: The first 6 pages have been updated and will be sent out for members to review. There will be an electronic vote in April.
- B. Information Item – Joanne Winkelman reported the Personal Curriculum Committee has given the input regarding the transition coordinator role and has informed the OEII staff person of some suggestions for future documents.
- C. Information Item – Challenging Behavior: Fran Loose reported that the committee began to focus its work, what it could complete this school year. Data about disproportionate discipline by race/ethnicity was described. The committee is also looking at work for next school year.
- D. Information Item - Native American Students: Barbara Brish reported that the committee is finalizing edits on the document that will go to the State Board of Education in June. The final draft will be sent to the SEAC prior to the April meeting. The SEAC Committee of the Whole will review the report in April, then vote on it in preparation for a June SBE presentation.

XII. Member Questions/Comments about Unmet Needs/Announcements

- A. There were no questions, comments or announcements.

XIII. Nominations for 2016-2017 Executive Committee

- A. Nominations for 2016-2017 Executive Committee. Electronic voting will occur following March meeting.
 - a. Heather Bird
 - b. Jim Corr
 - c. Latika Fenderson
 - d. Maggie Kolk
 - e. Nicole Miller

- f. Wendy Minor
- g. Caryn Pack Ivey
- h. Sara Park
- i. Jennifer Trackwell

XIV. Process Check

- A. Chairperson Maggie Kolk reminded members to fill out the on-line Meeting Survey/Evaluation, and specifically to note in the comment section if you are interested in additional information with from the M-STEP staff. Time ran out during Linda Howley's February presentation.
- B. Delegates were reminded that on-line voting for the 2016-2017 Executive Committee will occur within a week following the meeting.

XV. April Agenda Forecast

- A. Results of 2016-2017 Executive Committee Voting
- B. Election of 2016-2017 Executive Committee Officers
- C. Bylaws vote
- D. Native American data document review and vote
- E. Possible return by Linda Howley regarding M-STEP

XVI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.