

Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)

MEETING MINUTES

January 10, 2018, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

5708 Cornerstone Drive, Lansing, Michigan

Participation

Delegates Present:

Lisa Azzou, Anne Barna, Jim Corr, Anna Dusbiber*, Terie Elbers*, Jill Fennessy, Kenya Harper-Black, Annette Hobrecht, Debra Houde*, Nancy Jaskiw, Kathleen Kosobud*, Kathy Krause, Kanika Littleton, Lois Lofton-Doniver, Craig McCalla, Jessica Murphy, Sara Park, Teri Pettit, Amy Sanderson*, Denise Simmons*, Anne-Marie Sladewski, Nancy Spanski, Ronna Steel*, Lori Tavgigian*, Amy Trahey

Alternates Present:

Lisa Bacsikin, Michelle Driscoll, Rebecca Gibson, Laura Griffith, Jennifer Hirst, Connie Marks, Caryn Pack-Ivey, Sarah VanderBaan

Ex-Officio Members Present:

Teri Chapman, Melissa Isaac, Janet Kaley, Amy Schelling, James Thomas, Cynthia Wright,

MDE Staff Present:

Aaron Darling, Ashley Kemmer, Stacie Rulison, Joanne Winkelman

Facilitator:

Fran Loose

*Participated via phone.

Minutes

Call to Order

The Vice Chairperson, Sara Park, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Roll Call

The SEAC Secretary, Aaron Darling, read the roll call. A quorum was present.

Introduction of Guests

Guests were introduced.

Approval of Proposed Agenda

Amy Trahey moved, seconded by Nancy Jaskiw that the SEAC approve the January 10, 2018 agenda. The vote was taken on the motion. Motion carried.

Approval of December 6, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Amy Trahey moved, seconded by Teri Pettit that the SEAC approve the December 6, 2017 minutes. The vote was taken on the motion. Motion carried.

Chairperson's Report by Sara Park

1. Today's focus
2. Information Items
 - a. State Board of Education updates
 - b. Summary of notes from last meeting's survey
3. Report from Executive Committee Meeting
 - a. Association for Children's Mental Health (ACMH) is resigning their seat from SEAC
 - b. Heidi Ransom, Member-at-Large has resigned from SEAC due to a job change
 - c. Recruiting process has begun for 2018-2021 replacement delegates and alternates.
 - d. State Continuing Education Clock Hours (SCECH) importance level question on survey

Public Comment

None presented.

Least Restrictive Environment (LRE) by Teri Chapman

1. Review associated sample data shared with ISD special education directors and the associated instruction form
2. Continue/refine grounding assumptions work

SEAC Member Reports

Reports from SEAC Members regarding their work relative to SEAC's annual priorities and their requests from SEAC relative to the priorities. Details of the following reports are available to members in the Google Docs site.

1. Cynthia Wright – Michigan Department of Health and Human Services: MI Rehabilitation Services (MRS)
2. Craig McCalla – Michigan Elementary & Middle School Principals Association (MEMSPA)
3. Teri Pettit – Michigan Association of Public School Academies (MAPSA)

Legislative Update & Due Process Decision by Joanne Winkelman

1. Legislative update information provided by Caroline Liethen
2. Due Process Hearing Reports – Data shared
3. Reviewed redacted due process hearing decision

Family Matters Topics

1. Stacie Rulison introduced Family Matters Topics
2. Small group work in order to refine identified high priority issues among proposed future topics.

MDE, Office of Special Education Report by Teri Chapman

Federal:

1. Confirmation Hearing for Johnny Collett, Assistant Secretary for the Office of Special Education and Rehabilitation Services at the U.S. Department of Education
2. USED Office of Special Education Programs releases Andrew F. Q & A
3. National Public Radio is offering a series on abuse of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities running through January 18, 2018.
4. RAISE Family Caregivers Act passed the Senate

State:

1. MDE Top 10 in 10 update
2. State Superintendent of Public Instruction update
3. MDE Staff Changes update
4. Parent Dashboard for School Transparency launched

OSE:

1. Public Hearings for Significant Disproportionality methodology changes
2. OSE & ISD Special Education Director Meeting scheduled for 1/17/18 with Jane Nell Luster discussing the implementation of a new accountability system in Fall 2018

Sub-Committee Reports

1. Membership – Teri Pettit, Co-Chair
2. Bylaws – Sara Park, Co-Chair

Member Announcements, Questions, Comments and Take-Aways

1. Complete on-line meeting evaluation
2. February Forecast
3. OSE Updates
4. Update on 2018-2019 recruiting efforts

Adjourn

Lois Lofton-Doniver moved and Nancy Spanski seconded to adjourn meeting. The meeting ended at 3:00 p.m.

Next Meeting February 7, 2018 with registration sent 2 weeks ahead.