

Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)

MEETING MINUTES

February 7, 2018, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

5708 Cornerstone Drive, Lansing, Michigan

Participation

Delegates Present:

Jim Corr, Jill Fennessy*, Kenya Harper-Black, Annette Hobrecht, Nancy Jaskiw*, Kathleen Kosobud, Jessica Murphy, Sara Park, Teri Pettit, Amy Sanderson, Denise Simmons*, Anne-Marie Sladewski, Mark Smith, Nancy Spanski, Ronna Steel, Lori Tavgitan, David Tebo, Amy Trahey

Alternates Present:

Lisa Bacsikin, Melisa Burch, Michelle Driscoll, Rebecca Gibson, Jennifer Hirst*, Katherine Mills, Caryn Pack-Ivey, Sarah VanderBaan

Ex-Officio Members Present:

Belle Bodell, Melissa Isaac, Janet Kaley, Pam Kies-Lowe, Amy Shelling, James Thomas

MDE Staff Present:

Aaron Darling, Ashley Kemmer, 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

Jim Corr moved, seconded by Amy Trahey that the SEAC approve the February 7, 2018 agenda. The vote was taken on the motion. Motion carried.

Approval of January 10, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Jim Corr moved, seconded by Teri Pettit that the SEAC approve the January 10, 2018 minutes. The vote was taken on the motion. Motion carried.

Chairperson's Report by Sara Park

1. Seating Assignment Reminder
2. Today's Focus
 - a. Guest presentation by Luke Wilcox
 - b. Mid-year progress checks
 - c. SEAC member reports
 - d. Legislative & OSE updates
 - e. Recruiting for 2018-2018
3. Information Items
 - a. State Board of Education updates
 - b. Summary of notes from last meeting's survey
 - c. Application for potential SEAC organizations
 - d. Hattie chart (attached) – Sara Park, vice chair
 - i. Thorough examination of Hattie's overall achievement ranking research indicates that we can't set the bar at 0. In fact, the average of simply sending a child to school is at least .4, so anything ranked above that has a statistical advantage above

average classroom “traditional” instruction. Anything ranked below .4 is actually lowering achievement.

4. Report from Executive Committee Meeting
 - a. ACMH replacement recruiting status Bylaws II(B)(5)(b)(i)
 - b. Google Drive main structure and resources reminder

Public Comment

None presented.

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. Dave Tebo - Michigan Association of School Administrators (MASA)
2. Kenya Harper-Black - The Arc Michigan
3. Nancy Spanski - Down Syndrome Association of West MI
4. Melisa Burch - MI Transition Services Association
5. Pam Kies-Lowe - Michigan Department of Education, McKinney Vento Homeless Assistance Act

SEAC Resources: Small Group Work

1. Member content expertise
2. External resource bank
3. Family Matters Dissemination resources

Luke Wilcox: Michigan Teacher of the Year

1. Observed educational inequities in Michigan

March 2018 Presentations by Applying Organizations

1. Review rubric for next month’s organization evaluations of presentations for one open SEAC seat

Mid-year Progress Check: Small Group Work

1. Accomplishments to date
2. Unmet needs to consider
3. Any needed course corrections?

Legislative Update & Due Process Decision by Joanne Winkelman

1. Due Process Hearing Reports – Data shared

MDE Office of Special Education Report by Joanne Winkelman

Federal:

1. 39th Annual Report to Congress
2. IDEA Website structure changes

State:

1. Michigan's Top 10 in 10 Update

OSE:

1. Components of General Supervision
2. IDEA Accountability Systems – State Performance Plan, including the State Systemic Improvement Plan
3. IDEA Supervision: Coordination and Communication
4. Effective Systems of General Supervision
5. Focused Monitoring: Virtual monitoring through Catamaran in May 2018
6. Significant Disproportionality Public Hearings
7. State Performance Plan/Annual Performance Report and Public Reporting Data

Sub-Committee Reports

1. Membership – Amy Trahey, co-chair
2. Bylaws – Sara Park, co-chair
3. MDE Family Engagement Work Group – Caryn Pack-Ivey
 - a. SEAC sub-committee is providing MDE input on Family Engagement

4. Grounding Assumptions – Fran Loose

Member Announcements, Questions, Comments and Take-Aways

1. Complete on-line meeting evaluation
2. March Forecast
 - a. OSE Updates
 - b. Presentations by organizations applying for a vacant seat
 - c. 2018-2019 executive committee nominations

Adjourn

Mark Smith moved and Teri Pettit seconded to adjourn meeting. The meeting ended at 3:00 p.m.

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