

Michigan's Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)

Meeting Minutes

April 3, 2019, 10:00 a.m. – 2:47 p.m.

4039 Legacy Parkway, Lansing, MI 48911

Participants

Delegates Present:

Anne Barna, Justin Caine, Robert Dickinson, Jill Fennessy, Mary Finnigan, Michelle Frederick, Kenya Harper-Black, Debra Houde, Nancy Jaskiw, Deborah Kadish, Kathy Krause*, Kanika Littleton, Lois Lofton-Doniver, Chandra Madafferi, Rebecca McIntyre, John Mertz, Jessica Murphy, Teri Pettit, Nancy Spanski, Kara Tiethof, Gina Umpstead

Alternates Present:

Lisa Bacsikin, Eileen Brandt for Melissa Burch, Anne Carpenter for Amy Trahey, Michelle Driscoll, Rebecca Gibson, Sarah Vander Baan

Ex-Officio Members Present:

Belle Bodell, Laura Chang, Teri Chapman, Adrienne Gates, Pam Kies-Lowe, Sarah Park*, Anne Rossi for Janey Kaley, Amy Schelling*, James Thomas

Members Absent¹:

Caterina Berry, Donna Case, Jennifer Headley-Nordman, Annette Hobrecht, Charlie Hollerith, Melissa Isaac, Shalika Robie, Lily Schulting, Lori Tavgigian, Cynthia Wright

MDE Staff Present:

Aaron Darling, Caroline Liethen, Ashley Reed, Joanne Winkelman

Guests Present:

Sarah Radu, Stacie Rulison

Facilitator:

Nancy Theis

¹ Neither the delegate nor the alternate was physically present, nor did they participate by phone.

*Participated via phone.

Minutes

Call to Order

Teri Pettit, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Approval of Proposed Agenda

Lois Lofton-Doniver moved, seconded by Jessica Murphy that the SEAC approve the April 3, 2019 agenda. The vote was taken on the motion. Motion carried.

Approval of March 6, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Jessica Murphy moved, seconded by Rob Dickinson that the SEAC approve the March 6, 2019 meeting minutes. The vote was taken on the motion. Motion carried.

Roll Call by Aaron Darling

Chairperson's Report by Teri Pettit

Teri Pettit reviewed the agenda and today's focus.

She summarized a report from Executive Committee Meeting

- a. State Board of Education summary
- b. 2019-2020 executive committee officers
- c. 2019 SEAC organization vacancy with May presentation expected
- d. Summary of Mid-Year Progress Check on SEAC annual priorities

Family Matters by Stacie Rulison

1. What's new?
2. What's emerging?
3. What are SEAC's priorities among the emerging topics?
 - a. Issues
 - b. Core content per issue
4. Family Matters activity to identify top priorities of the committee
 - a. Preliminary top priorities identified:
 - i. Child Find
 - ii. Developing skills necessary for post high school success
 - iii. Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)
 - iv. Manifestation Determination
 - v. Specialized Transport

SEAC Member Reports, Part 1

The following SEAC members reported 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. Organizational Representatives
 - a. John Mertz and Anne-Marie Sladewski, Michigan Association of Supervision & Curriculum Development (MiASCD)
2. Member-at-large:
 - a. Gina Umpstead
3. Ex-officio:
 - a. James Thomas, Michigan Department of Health & Human Services- Juvenile Justice
 - b. Deb Kadish and Ronna Steel, Michigan Association of Intermediate School Administrators, MAISA

Sub-Committee Forecast: Vote, Task Forecast for business after lunch

1. Bylaws – Nancy Jaskiw & Lois Lofton-Doniver (Table #4 or cafeteria)
2. State Advisory Panel Website Committee - Rob Dickinson
3. Membership Committee - Jill Fennessy or Nancy Spanski
 - a. Voting members will review rubric that they will use in May to consider new applicant for vacant SEAC organization seat.
 - i. Note:
 1. There are 2 pt & 3 pt items. Score carefully.
 2. You will sign the form in May.
 3. Your comments may be critical.
 - ii. Watch for May Asks & Updates for:
 1. The organization’s Letter of Interest & additional information shared.
 2. A blank rubric.
 3. Read ahead of time - no time during meeting.
 4. Members will have the opportunity to ask questions after the presentation, based both on the submitted material and the presentation itself.
 5. Then, voting members complete and submit their rubrics.

Public Comment

No one offered public comment.

Legislative Update by Caroline Liethen

1. Cyberbullying
2. A-F Grades, Rankings, and Designations for Public Schools
3. Teacher and Administrator Evaluations
4. Executive Budget Highlights

SEAC Member Reports, Part 2

The following SEAC members reported 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. Organizational Representatives
 - a. Deb Houde and Amy Barto, Learning Disability Association of Michigan, LDAM
 - b. Chandra Madafferri and Lisa Bacsikin, Michigan Education Association, MEA
2. Ex-officio:
 - a. Belle Bodell and Adrienne Gates, Michigan Department of Corrections, MDOC

Teacher of the Year Update by Laura Chang

1. The Differentiated Elementary Classroom
 - a. Identify priority standards
 - b. Assess students' knowledge of the standard
 - c. Use data to drive instruction
 - d. Students set and monitor goals with the teacher
 - e. Repeat

Due Process Update and Hearing Reports Received by Joanne Winkelman, Supervisor

1. She shared recent activity
2. Review of Due Process Case for Van Buren
 - a. Identified possible trends or unmet needs across the State

State Performance Plan Indicator #17: SEAC comment on resetting baseline by (OSE) Report by Teri Chapman, Director

1. Indicator 17: State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP) (a results indicator) - A comprehensive, ambitious, yet achievable multi-year plan for improving results for students with disabilities.
 - a. Overview of the Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) Assessment by Nancy Theis
 - i. Why MAP
 1. Adaptive assessment
 2. Rasch unit scale (RIT) scale as a growth measure
 3. Normative data
 4. Instructional readiness
 5. Parent engagement

MDE Office of Special Education Update by Teri Chapman, Director

1. Discipline update
 - a. All districts must follow the IDEA requirements and the Michigan Revised School Code
2. Upcoming guidance
 - a. Resident v. Operating district obligation
 - b. Partial/reduced day placements
3. Identifying needs and supporting improvement
 - a. Components of General Supervision and IDEA accountability systems
 - b. MDE Office of Special Education: Levels and types of monitoring
 - c. Differentiated Framework for Technical Assistance and Monitoring Support

May 1 Forecast by Teri Pettit, SEAC Facilitator

1. Meeting date is May 1, 2019 (first Wednesday) at Lansing Community College - West Campus
2. Core agenda items:
 - a. OSE & legislative updates
 - b. Kim St. Martin
 - c. Consider applicant organization for replacement member seat
 - d. Due process decision, watch for Asks & Updates
 - e. Determination - recommendations work session

- f. May member reports are due April 26. There are no member reports in June.

Member Announcements, Questions, Comments and Take-Aways

1. Participants are encouraged to complete on-line meeting evaluation
2. Comments and Take-Aways
3. Communicate with your constituents about Take-Away issues
 - a. Take Away Highlights
 - i. Enjoyed the presentation and work around Family Matters
 - ii. Reminder of how we can be involved with legislators on unmet needs, particularly on teacher evaluation and funding issues
 - iii. Interested in discipline aspects
 - iv. Enjoyed presentation on NWEA
 - v. Refreshing to see the Teacher of the Year and her inclusive approach
 - vi. Operating v. Resident district conversation was helpful
 - b. To Do's
 - i. Call your legislator
 - ii. Continue to share about Family Matters
4. Complete online meeting evaluation (via SurveyMonkey)
5. Member Announcements - none received

Adjourn

Jessica Murphy moved to adjourn and Nancy Spanski seconded the motion. The meeting ended at 2:47 p.m.