



Wayne County Parent Advisory Committee

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MEETING MINUTES
February 14, 2019

I. Call to Order

Eileen Brandt called the meeting to order a 6:30 p.m. A quorum of members was present.

Members Present:

Maha Jaber Crestwood	Claire Brick Dearborn	Eilia Syed Dearborn	Joann Goree Detroit
Theresa Beard Romulus	Jacqueline Dalzell Romulus	Michelle Muse-Worthy Southgate	Philip Czernik Trenton
April Turnbull Van Buren	Lori Huntington Westwood	Angela Edwards Huron	Eileen Brandt Livonia
Michelle DeJesus Melvindale-NAP	Maria Warmuth Northville	Linda MacClinton Redford Union	Khalilah Montgomery Redford Union
Carol Matthews Riverview	Sarah Groeneveld Achieve Charter	Jim Michalik Canton Charter Acad.	Rebecca French Metro Charter Acad.
Samara Wolf Quest Charter Acad.			

Members on Phone:

Heather Stefan

Members Excused:

Iesha Brassell, Jennifer Padgett, Kara Clarke, Dana Bruton, Victoria Martinez, Jamie LaForest, Barb Wilson

Guests Present:

Linda Junod, Tiffany Edwards, Christin Roth, Janice Slattery, Christine Bethel, Amy Kapala, Jennifer Seil

RESA Representatives:

Karen Howey

Larry Stemple

Dates to Remember	
<p><i>Braille Instruction, online course, start February 28,2019, 16 wks long. More info: https://mdelio.org/blind-visually-impaired/events/spring-2019-unified-english-braille-online</i></p>	<p><i>Recognition form needs to be submitted at or before the April Meeting. Awards presented at the RESA Board meeting held on May 15,2019 which starts at 8:30am</i></p>
<p><i>Michigan Transition Services Association (MTSA) Conference, March 11-13, 2019, Grand Travers Bay Resort, Traverse City</i></p>	
<p><i>Alliance for DisAbility Awareness (ADA out of U of M Dearborn) Benefit Dinner, March 14, 2019</i></p>	
<p><i>Michigan Center for Exceptional Children (MCEC) Conference, March 6-8,2019, Grand Rapids ,MI</i></p>	
<p><i>National Down Syndrome Society Adult Summit, April 4-6, 2019 Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance Center.</i></p>	

II. Approval of Agenda

A copy of the meeting agenda was emailed and posted to the website to members in advance and made available at the meeting. A motion was made by Michelle DeJesus and seconded by Heather Matthews to accept the agenda. Motion was supported by majority of members present. No objections were made.

Objections: None

III. Approval of Minutes

A copy of the January 10, 2019 minutes was mailed and posted to the website to members in advance and made available at the meeting. A motion was made by Maha Jaber and seconded by Joanne Goree to accept the minutes as noted. Motion supported by majority present. No objections were made.

Objections: None

IV. Presentation:

Larry Stemple, Wayne RESA Consultant, WCPAC Liaison Extraordinaire and Super Hero (Captain Transition) presented Transition: What, Why and What's New?

Presentation is available on the RESA website. Packets were passed out at the meeting.

Discussions regarding the Michigan Merit Curriculum and its standards. In grade 7 start with the EDP (Education Development Plan) because this will lead into high school; EDP must be complete by end of grade 8.

Essential elements for EDP: Personal Info, Career Goals, Education/Training goals, assessment results, Plan of action, Parent consultation/endorsement if under age 18.

18 credits needed for graduation in Michigan- See Michigan Dept. of Education (MDE) link; Personal Curriculum (PC) allows for some modifications to obtain proper number of credits. Personal Curriculum is available to **all students** (those who do *and* do *not* receive special education); there are some additional sections for students who have an IEP and require a PC.

Identify education pathway and career goals in planning for the courses they will take.

Watched a short video showing an adaptive controller for playing video games a commercial done by Microsoft.

Certificate of completion

This is not an recognized academic credential, no state course or grade requirements necessary to earn one. Course of study may be more than 4 yrs. Review plan after starting High School, the districts dictate the requirements for certificate, MI ACCESS (State wide mandating testing) accommodations. Some districts around the state have developed their own curriculum for a certificate of completion and they may call it something different.

Age of Majority

By age 16, a transition plan must be implemented for the student. The best practice recommendation is to consider creating the transition plan earlier.

At age 18, the student is considered an adult (with all rights and responsibilities). Sometimes, the student has greater needs that may make the parents consider investigating acquiring a Power of Attorney (POA) or guardianship of their student.

Summary of performance is required when a student graduates or ages out. It has recommendations and what they have done The form is on the RESA website which was adopted from IDEA.

Accommodations may be made to the curriculum through the IEP to provide supports but does not alter graduation requirements. Personal curriculum can help students receive a diploma.

Districts can issue certificates but they do not end FAPE, if the child is under the age of 26.

Receiving a regular education diploma ends obligation of FAPE by district. If student requires additional support, training, etc. from the school, then certificate of completion should be considered and student should NOT receive diploma.

EP attendance – the following have to be invited to an IEP:

- Special Ed Teacher
- Regular Ed Teacher
- 1 or both parents
- School District Representative (authorized district decision-maker)
- A student MUST be invited, but is not required to attend.
- Outside Agencies may be invited, IF parental/student approval is given.
- Interpreters can be requested.

Additional information is available at: <https://www.resa.net/specialeducation/transitionplanning/>

V. Chairperson Report –

Subcommittees – If you want to be a part please contact Eileen Brandt or any of the board members. Really need people to be involved. The subcommittees will all need to meet/talk/email; by-laws subcommittee should meet and review bylaws soon.

WCPAC Members who are attending conferences: you should have received a packet on what is required by you and the deadlines. If you are considering attending a conference, it must be in the state of Michigan. It's assumed that you will come to an upcoming meeting with information to share about what you learned and different resources you learned about. Please conduct yourself professionally, as you are representing WCPAC and, by extension, Wayne RESA.

VI. Vice Chairperson Report-

Any new members that are approved see the board for new member packets.

VII. Secretary Report

Please don't forget to sign in at every meeting, not just for purposes of accurate minutes, but also to be eligible (in the case of WCPAC Members) for year-end mileage reimbursement.

If you need business cards created, please see Samara Wolf or Jennifer Padgett for the form to fill out.

Due to the collaboration of the Family Center for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs (Family Center) they are offering scholarship funding for Camp. This is for summer camp in Michigan; camperships are open to students with an active IEP, in need of financial support, and would otherwise not have an opportunity. You will receive the email on list-serv with instructions on how to apply or you can call 1-800-359-3722. The deadline for submitting packets is March 15, 2019 and notifications will be mailed by April 20, 2019.

/III. Treasurer Report

Lori Huntington reported that the balance remains the same at \$2,751.06

Jamie Laforest has resigned from WCPAC, due to family obligations and time commitments. Eileen stated that she respected and appreciated Jamie making this difficult decision for the benefit of the WCPAC, so someone else may be nominated from Wyandotte to represent the district who has the availability of time to represent the WCPAC. We all wish Jamie and her family well.

Lori Huntington will remain as WCPAC Treasurer and will handle all duties.

IX. Membership/Public Relations Subcommittee

No Reports

X. Subcommittee Reports

List was passed around.

- Bylaws subcommittee is going to be headed by Theresa Beard.
- Special Recognition – Joann Goree is the Chairperson of this subcommittee – now is the time to think about an individual or group who you would like to be recognized for positively impacting the lives of students with disabilities in Wayne County. Recipients will be recognized at the RESA Board of Education meeting on MAY 15, 2019, the meeting starts at 8:30am (not April) board meeting. Each recipient will be presented with a framed certificate and their name or organization name will be engraved on a plaque outside of Arthur Boyd's Auditorium. If the recipient can't attend the April Wayne RESA BOE meeting, they still get the certificate and you can do your own type of recognition if you wish. Please submit forms by the April meeting. If you take the time to fill out the form and submit it on time they are guaranteed to reap the rewards (it's not a drawing or competition). The form will be coming out on the list-serv.
- Parent Handbook sub-committee will be headed by Michelle DeJesus and Heather Stefan.
- Legislative Sub Committee will be headed by Jennifer Padgett.
- Clare Brick will be heading Election/Nomination subcommittee
- Community Conversations subcommittee will be headed by Angela Edwards
- County Plan Subcommittee – Maha Jaber will be heading this subcommittee. Wayne County was supposed to be the pilot for the new process they are using for County Plan Approval, many

things are delayed, so there may not be too many things to do with the County Plan, at this time, but that may change quickly. The County Plan subcommittee did meet during the summer.

- Education Subcommittee– Eilia Syed and Michelle Muse-Worthy will be heading this subcommittee.

XI. RESA Reports – Larry Stemple and Karen Howey

Larry – Procedures were sent out for IF the meeting is cancelled due to weather. If you are not a member: you can look on the RESA website, you can also call Larry. The board will divide and conquer contacting every WCPAC Member via the Member Roster.

Karen – Wayne RESA is working with local districts to develop a plan for meeting capacity for students with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Met with several districts that will now be opening classrooms for autism students, some students are currently going out to other districts for services (Act 18 programs) and now some of them will be in their own district.

Karen- State of Michigan is increasing funding for Early On (birth – 3 children) with delays or disabilities, that don't meet criteria for IEP's. Purpose of enhancing birth – 3 children; they only get 1 home visit a month, use the funding to increase home visits for to up to 2 visits a month. Increasing the parent resources that are accessible and available. If you have any questions please contact Karen Howey at Wayne RESA.

XII. Member Reports

Joanne Goree wanted to give praise to Larry Stemple for being amazing at his job and how on top of things he was lately with the bad weather. Everyone agreed that Larry does an amazing job. She also wanted to tell everyone Happy Valentine's Day.

XIII. Adjournment

A motion was made by Samara Wolf and seconded by Clare Brick to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 p.m. Motion passed by majority present. No objections were made.

The next WCPAC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 14, 2019 at 6:30pm at Wayne RESA in Room Boyd Arthurs Auditorium