



Wayne County Parent Advisory Committee

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MEETING MINUTES
January 10, 2019

I. Call to Order

Eileen Brandt called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. A quorum of members was present.

Members Present:

Eilia Syed Dearborn	Ilesha Brassell Dearborn Hts #7	Joann Goree Detroit	Jennifer Seal Garden City
Heather Stefan Grosse Ile	Maria Quint Grosse Pointe	Angela Edwards Huron	Eileen Brandt Livonia
Kara Clarke Livonia	Michelle DeJesus Melvindale-NAP	Linda MacClinton Redford Union	Khalilah Montgomery Redford Union
Carol Matthews Riverview	Theresa Beard Romulus	Jacqueline Dalzell Romulus	Michelle Muse- Worthy Southgate
Philip Czernik Trenton	Lori Huntington Westwood	Jennifer Padgett Woodhaven/Brownstown	
Sarah Groeneveld Achieve Charter	Jim Michalik Canton Charter Acad.	Sandra Williams Detroit Enterprise Acad.	Samara Wolf Quest Charter Acad.

Members on Phone:

Claire Brick, Barb Wilson, Victoria Martinez,

Members Excused:

Dana Bruton, Becky French, Jamie LaForest, April Turnbull,

Guests Present:

Linda Junod, Glenn Czajka, Amanda Charron, Jenn O'Connor, Keisha Burgess

RESA Representatives:

Larry Stemple

Dates to Remember	
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<i>RESA Meeting February 14, 2019</i>	<i>Franklin H.S Jan. 16,2019 @ 630-830 free movie screening. 36000 Joy Rd. , Livonia</i>
<i>STEP Resource and Training, January 28, 2019, 5:30-7:30pm, 450 S. Venoy, Westland. RSVP to tdelisle@stepcentral.org or 734.722.1000 x 1643</i>	<i>Camp Zip Social Skills in the Community, 5 week program starting February 8,2019 6-9 pm campziprec.com for more info</i>
<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>	<i>Michigan Center for Exceptional Children (Mi-CEC) Conference, March 6-8, 2019, Grand Rapids, MI</i>
<i>Michigan Transition Services Association (MTSA) Conference, March 11-13, 2019, Grand Traverse Bay Resort, Traverse City</i>	<i>National Down Syndrome Society Adult Summit, April 4-6, 2019, Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance Center.</i>
<i>Alliance for DisAbility Awareness (ADA out of U of M Dearborn) Benefit Dinner, March 14, 2019</i>	

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 Jennifer Michelle Seal and seconded by Theresa Beard to accept the agenda. Motion was supported by majority of members present. No objections were made.

III. Approval of Minutes

A copy of the December 13, 2018 minutes were e-mailed and posted to the website for members in advance and made available at the meeting. A motion was made by Jim Michalik and seconded by Joann Goree to accept the minutes as noted. Motion supported by majority present. No objections were made.

IV. Presentation: Pat Carver – Community Drive and Angela Martin – Developmental Disabilities of Wayne State University both have been involved with the Sibling Leadership Network. This Network provides siblings of those with disabilities the tools and support to help advocate with their brothers and sisters and to promote the issues important to them and their entire families.

Sometimes siblings think they may have caused the others' disabilities, so conversations need to take place explaining what is different about their sibling and what that means. Conversations about responsibilities of care giving may also fit your situation. We watched a video called World Changers from Sibshops on YouTube.

Years of progression looks like this: 50's- Family Movement 60's – Community Services (The Kennedy's were HUGE!!!) ex: Medicare 70's Self-advocacy movement – 504 plans, rehab act 90's IDEA & ADA 2000's Community and society & siblings movement (started more in the 80's)

Siblings often have more positive trait results in research: more compassionate, empathetic, higher verbal scores on tests

V. **Chairperson Report**– Get updates and information about the WCPAC, special education legislation updates, upcoming trainings and presentations, directly to your phone or email! Please note: Text/Date fees may apply, based on your cell phone plan. Send a text to 81010 saying @wcpacmtg. Email to: wcpacmtg@mail.remind.com

Special Movie Free Screening, **(FREE)** January 16th, 6:30pm at Franklin HS, 36000 Joy Rd., Livonia

STEP – Services To Enhance Potential **(FREE)**

Jan 28th 530pm – 7:30pm, Resources and Information 450 S. Venoy, Westland. RSVP to tdelisle@stepcentral.org or 734.722.1000 x 1643

Camp Zip – **There is a fee and must sign up in advance. For more info and sign up:**

<http://www.campziprec.com>

Social Hang Outs, Jan 26th every Saturday 5-8pm, 111 S. Wallace Blvd., Ypsilanti

Social Skills in the Community, 5 weeks starting February 8th

Unified English Braille –**There is a fee and must sign up in advance**) hosting a 16 weeks course in the Flint area and also online course start February 28, 2019, More info: <https://mdelio.org/blind-visually-impaired/events/spring-2019-unified-english-braille-online>

Alliance for DisAbility Awareness (ADA), a group out of U of M Dearborn - March 14th, 2019 Benefit Dinner **(There is a fee and must sign up in advance)** (Same night as the WCPAC Meeting). Eileen will be one of the keynote speakers. Byblos Banquet Hall ,m 7258 chase Rd, Dearborn

National Down Syndrome Adult Summit April 4-6th Detroit Marriott at Renaissance Center, **(There is a fee and must sign up in advance)**

Last month RESA personnel concern involving the complaint process and a possible conflict of interest was raised. It's been deemed not a conflict, as the employee in question is not involved in the reviewing of complaints and, even if that person were involved, MDE (Michigan Dept. of Ed.) oversees entire process. The complaint process is handled differently than in past years and Wayne RESA is not just the first stop for the review of complaints; any time a complaint is being investigated, MDE and RESA are reviewing the complaint together.

Last month the timing of Wayne RESA Board of Ed meetings (Wednesdays@ 830am) was raised as a concern. Eileen stated that she would entertain a motion to further discuss as a group and decide if the WCPAC would like to write a position letter to WRESA BOE to suggest podcasting meetings. No motion was made.

Subcommittees – 17 responders to the survey (2 are no longer WCPAC members) – If you want to be a part please contact Eileen Brandt or any of the board members. Really need people and especially the by-laws sub committee.

Special Recognition – Joann Goree is the Chairperson of this subcommittee– now is the time to think about a person or some group you want recognized for positively impacting the lives of students with

disabilities in Wayne County. They get recognized at the RESA April board meeting with a framed certificate and their name or organization on a plaque outside our meeting room. If they 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.

We scored poorly on the MDE states determination – we are at “needs intervention” level. This will be discussed more at the Feb. meeting and Eileen will send out the report via list-serv.

2 new State Board of Education members were sworn in – 8 year term – run twice = 16 years; this becomes very important to consider as elections occur—this is a long time for someone to impact/provide input on education in Michigan.

During “Lame Duck” session over 400 bills were sent to the governor (a new record) – maybe legislative sub committee could dissect the bills that were sent to governor. Not all were signed by Snyder. Eileen highlighted one bill that discusses the grading of schools and districts – this is a concerning bill (even State Special Ed. Director Teri Chapman raised this concern at SEAC) alternative schools do not receive grades; concern that the choice will be to automatically funnel students with behaviors and/or academic difficulties to those schools just so the students don't harm the schools grading. This is something we need to continue to monitor.

VI. Vice Chairperson Report-

Any new members that are approved see Kara or Ilesha for new member packets

VII. Secretary Report

Please remember to sign in each meeting so that you will receive minutes from the meeting and also for reimbursement of mileage at the end of the year.

If you are in need of business cards please contact Samara Wolf or Jennifer Padgett to fill out a form with pertinent information to be displayed on your business cards

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 30, 2019.

VIII. Treasurer Report

Remains the same at \$2,751.06

IX. Membership/Public Relations Subcommittee

No Report at this time.

X. Subcommittee Reports

See Chairperson Report.

XI. RESA Reports – Larry Stemple and Karen Howey

Nothing reported

XII. Member Reports

Nothing reported

XIII. Adjournment

A motion was made by Khalilah Montgomery and seconded by Michelle Muse-Worthy to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. Motion passed by majority present. No objections were made.

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