



Wayne County Parent Advisory Committee

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MEETING MINUTES
October 11, 2018

I. Call to Order

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

Members Present:

Maha Jaber Crestwood	Clare Brick Dearborn	Eilia Syed Dearborn	Joann Goree Detroit
Heather Stefan Grosse Ile	Angela Edwards Huron	Eileen Brandt Livonia	Kara Clarke Livonia
Michelle DeJesus Melvindale-NAP	Barb Wilson Plymouth/Canton	Linda MacClinton Redford Union	Khalilah Montgomery Redford Union
Carol Matthews Riverview	Theresa Beard Romulus	Dana Bruton South Redford	Philip Czernik Trenton
Lori Huntington Westwood	Jennifer Padgett Woodhaven/Brownstown	Jamie LaForest Wyandotte	Victoria Martinez Wyandotte
Sarah Groeneveld Achieve Charter	Jim Michalik Canton Charter Acad.	Samara Wolf Quest Charter Acad.	

Members on Phone:

None

Members Excused:

Iesha Brassell, Dearborn Heights #7
Tania Danley, Harper Woods

Guests Present:

Maria Quint – Grosse Pointe (PAC representative approval pending)
Sandra Williams – Detroit Enterprise Academy (PAC representative approval pending)
Jacqueline Dalzell – Romulus Schools
Linda Junod – Gibraltar
Jacqueline Walker

RESA Representatives:

Karen Howey (absent)

Larry Stemple

Dates to Remember

Tuesday, November 6 th : Voting Day
November 8 th : Next PAC Meeting
MI Developmental Disabilities Council Learning Opportunities & Train-the-Trainer: Monday, November 26 th Charting the Course to Employment Summit
MI Developmental Disabilities Council Learning Opportunities & Train-the-Trainer: Tuesday, November 27 th Train-the-Trainer: Family Engagement around Employment and Partnering with Families around employment
MI Developmental Disabilities Council Learning Opportunities & Train-the-Trainer: Wednesday, November 28 th : Charting the LifeCourse Community Wide Event

II. Approval of Agenda

A copy of the meeting agenda was posted to the website, mailed to members in advance and made available at the meeting. A motion was made by **Victoria Martinez** and seconded by **Jim Michalik** to accept the agenda. Motion was supported by majority of members present. No objections were made.

III. Approval of Minutes

A copy of the **September 13th, 2018** minutes was emailed to members, posted to the website in advance of the meeting and made available at the meeting. A motion was made by **Khalilah Montgomery** and seconded by **Victoria Martinez** to accept the minutes as noted. Motion supported by majority present. No objections were made.

IV. Presentation:

Presenter: Sensei David Reicher co-founder of Martial Arts Therapy for Personal Protection for People with Disability

Program started in 1990 specifically in the field of Traumatic Brain Injury with goal and outcomes documented. The program was influenced by martial artist, physical therapist, speech / language pathologist, occupational therapist, recreational therapist, social worker, neuro psychologist and rehabilitation technicians.

The group questioned themselves on what the responsibility was if a person with a disability was taught techniques that could be considered violent. The team insured to incorporate behavior in their classes and to work to ensure that the what is taught can be used in everyday life and have yet to have anyone come forward and say that a student has caused a problem or become violent.

Group is only for people with disabilities and currently funded by the DMUM, Dance Marathon at the University of Michigan

So many participants can't go to a regular martial arts classes because of restrictions such as being barefoot or the site is not wheelchair accessible but the goals is to have the kids no longer need this martial arts therapy course but to move beyond this course. Th focus is, whenever possible, integration back into a "regular" martial arts class or into another activity within the community. Goal is have the kids leave the program.

The team believes the group works so well because it is centered around group activities but success is based on individual performance and effort.

What you do and how you practice is what you're going to use in real life so the focus is on teaching everyday skills.

A huge portion of the program is to teach awareness and self-awareness to the students with a focus on the student's movement patterns and movement competence.

One exercise is teaching to wait in line – so many students can't stand in line or step aside when someone else is coming or if they're in the way.

Classes have been running at Providence park for over 20 years.

David covered where the program runs out of, how it is funded, the quality and certification of staff and volunteers.

Current locations are at U of M Ann Arbor on Tuesday evening & Saturdays afternoons at Providence Hospital in Southfield

See www.martialartstherapy.com or visit Martial Arts Therapy on Facebook for more information.

V. Chairperson Report:

See email on Listserv from Larry for MI Development Disabilities Council Learning Opportunities and Training. Email was sent 10/11/18 @ 6:11pm.

Ted Talk: *School Suspensions are an Adult Behavior*: <https://youtu.be/f8nkcRMZKV4>

Sign up for Wayne County PAC REMIND by texting: [@wcpacmem](https://www.facebook.com/wcpacmem) to [81010](https://www.facebook.com/wcpacmem).

If you have not taken the sub-committee survey yet please respond as soon as possible and watch your email for responses received to-date.

Remember that PAC roster information is for Wayne County PAC members only. If you are contacted by someone looking for a district representative please contact the representative directly and ask that they make contact.

VI. Vice Chairperson Report:

New Members please see Vice Chair for new member packet

VII. Secretary Report:

Please remember to sign in each meeting for RESA mileage reimbursement and for attendance tracking in minutes. See secretary for business card forms if necessary.

VIII. Treasurer Report:

Account remains the same at \$ 2,751.06

IX. Subcommittee Reports

None.

See Chairperson's report for subcommittee membership needs

X. RESA Reports – Larry Stemple and Karen Howey

Karen Howey was at parent teacher conferences for her child(ren) and was not in attendance. Larry mentioned that PAC members for Grosse Pointe, Northville, and Detroit Enterprise Academy are forthcoming.

XI. Member Reports

Barb Wilson reminded everyone to vote on November 6th. Voting information for people with disabilities can be found here: <https://mpas.org/resources/documents/my-choice-my-vote>

XII. Adjournment

A motion was made by **Victoria Martinez** and seconded by **Clare Brick** to adjourn the meeting at **8:05 p.m.** Motion passed by majority present. No objections were made.

Next WCPAC meeting is scheduled for Thursday November 8, 2018 at 6:30pm at Wayne RESA in Boyd's Auditorium.