



**Wayne County Parent Advisory Committee**

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 Jennifer Padgett & Samara Wolf, Secretaries Lori Huntington & Jamie LaForest, Treasurers

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**September 13, 2018**

**I. Call to Order**

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

**Members Present:**

Eilia Syed Dearborn	Iesha Brassell Drb. Hts. #7	Joann Goree Detroit	Heather Stefan Grosse Ile
Sonia Brown Hamtramck	Angela Edwards Huron	Eileen Brandt Livonia	Kara Clarke Livonia
Michelle DeJesus Melvindale-NAP	Aimee Page Plymouth/Canton	Barb Wilson Plymouth/Canton	Linda MacClinton Redford Union
Khalilah Montgomery Redford Union	Carol Matthews Riverview	Philip Czernik Trenton	Darleen Boland Wayne Westland
Jennifer Padgett Woodhaven/Brownstown	Jamie LaForest Wyandotte	Victoria Martinez Wyandotte	Jim Michalik Canton Charter Acad.
Samara Wolf Quest Charter Acad.			

**Members on Phone:**

None

**Members Excused:**

Clare Brick, Dana Burton, Lori Huntington

**Guests Present:**

Nicole Ballard - Romulus  
 Glenn Czajka - Trenton  
 Linda Junod – Gibraltar  
 Theresa Beard – Romulus  
 Vita Lusk- Wayne RESA  
 Jackie Dalzell – Romulus

**RESA Representatives:**

Karen Howey

Larry Stemple

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September 21 <sup>st</sup> – 12nd Ebenezer Church – Detroit - @ 11-1pm	
September 22 <sup>nd</sup> – TourWestland Police Dept. – Ilesha reported	
October 11 <sup>th</sup> —WCPAC Meeting	

## 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 **Samara Wolf** 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 **June 14, 2018** minutes was emailed to members and posted to the website in advance and made available at the meeting. A motion was made by **Barb Wilson** and seconded by **Michelle DeJesus** to accept the minutes as noted. Motion supported by majority present. No objections were made.

## IV. Presentation:

Patti Silveri, RESA Consultant, presented on alternate assessments.

Essential Elements (EE) – Michigan alternate content standards utilized for students who are unable to meet standard even w/ accommodations. The EE challenges students to understand real life subject matter w/ a goal toward independence.

Assessments available in Michigan:

1. MSTEP
2. MSTEP w/ accommodations
3. Mi Access (3 levels available)

State standardized testing applies to grades 3-8<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>.

For MI Access:

There are 3 MI Access levels – High – counts to 10 aloud independently—Functional Independence  
 Medium- counts 1-5 good 6-10 with assistance—Supported Independence  
 Low- “participating” needs help all the way ---Participation

Functional Independence should be chosen if both are true:

- Alignment closest to the High range of complexity for ELA and Mathematics
- With guidance, the student can typically assess personal strengths and limitations and can access resources, strategies, and supports to help him/her maximize independence. However, based on his/her disability, is not able to work toward the general content standards.

Supported Independence should be chosen if both are true:

- Alignment closest to the Medium range of complexity for ELA and Mathematics
- The student requires ongoing support in major life roles and may have cognitive and/or physical impairments that limits his/her ability to generalize or transfer learning. The instructional approach taken is usually direct, in context, and targeted toward specific, essential independent living and academic skills.

Participation should be chosen if both are true:

- Alignment closest to the Low range of complexity for ELA and Mathematics
- The student is expected to require extensive ongoing support in adulthood and may have significant cognitive and/or physical impairments that limits his/her ability to generalize or transfer learning. The student is typically dependent on others for most, if not all, daily living needs. The instructional approach usually targets opportunities for integration into age-appropriate tasks, activities related to daily living skills, and academic content.

If the IEP states needs assistance it applies to their testing. Any accommodation that is needed for testing must be something that is required to access the general ed curriculum on a daily basis on classroom assignments, tests and daily work. Check to make sure it's on their IEP.

There is a limit to the number of kids that this can apply to based on what 10% of the district population. Beyond that percentage, the school can send in a paper called a justification form.

#### **V. Chairperson Report –**

combined w/ vice chair report

Introductions of members present, RESA representatives, Guests and Executive Board members.

Motivational videos played.

Items passed out: new folders, packets, roster, bylaws

Discussions: Roles of RESA, by-laws, cloud available to public, basic rules and information, you are allowed to attend two meetings via lifesize cloud per school year. Importance of attending meetings was discussed. Discussion about us living in an acronym world and that we need to freshen up on them. County plan discussed this is how special education is handled

#### **VI. Vice Chairperson Report-**

Motion made by Kara and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Samara Wolf to do away with the Christmas Party and have a meeting instead.

Discussion: Barb is concerned attendance will still be low

Tentative speaker would be Nikki O'Donnell a physiologist on Coping with the Holidays.

Vote taken to have a meeting instead – motion passes

Discussion about conferences WCPAC Members may want to consider attending.

START- in Lansing – April

CEC – Grand Rapids – February or March

MTSA-Traverse City--March

See chairperson report

#### **VII. Secretary Report**

Please remember to sign in each meeting for RESA mileage reimbursement and also for attendance in minutes.

## VIII. Treasurer Report

Account remains the same at \$ 2,751.06

## IX. Subcommittee Reports

County Plan Subcommittee met over the summer. The process for getting state approval of the County Plan has changed. Karen Howey is involved with the MDE committee that is working on this process. Eileen stated that the WCPAC is required to participate and provide feedback to the County Plan. This was done over the summer. As WCPAC Chairperson, Eileen would sign that the WCPAC was given the opportunity to participate. If the majority of the WCPAC were to vote to disagree with the County Plan, there is a specific process to follow to file a complaint.

## X. RESA Reports – Larry Stemple and Karen Howey

Karen Howey said thank you to all new and returning members in attendance

Introduced Vita Lusk of Wayne RESA

Discussed a new position at Wayne RESA- Monitor Elizabeth Nelson-ISD (Intermediate School District)

We are the largest county in Michigan

County Plan- modifications being made to accommodate expansion of ASD programs. Moving towards building capacity in districts to have students with ASD educated in LRE (Least Restrictive Environment, which means general education environment)

Building capacities for Charters and Public

## XI. Member Reports

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## XII. Adjournment

A motion was made by **Samara Wolf** and seconded by **Angela Edwards** 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 October 11, 2018 at 6:30pm at Wayne RESA in Room 250ABC.**