



Wayne County Parent Advisory Committee

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Kara Clarke, Chairperson, **Jennifer Seal**, Vice-Chairperson
Jennifer Padgett & Samara Wolf, Secretary, **Linda MacClinton**, Treasurer

MEETING MINUTES
October 8, 2020

Call to Order

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

Members Present: Virtual Meeting with roll call taken from Zoom attendees and confirmed by Jenn Padgett

Maha Jaber Crestwood	Eilia Syed Dearborn	Tiffany Edmonds Ecores	Jennifer Seal Garden City
Maria Quint Grosse Pointe	Helena Stephenson Harper Woods	Crystle Upshaw Lincoln Park	
Eileen Brandt Livonia	Kara Clarke Livonia	Michelle DeJesus Melvindale/A.P	Maria Warmuth Northville
Linda MacClinton Redford Union	Monique Draw River Rouge	Carol Matthews Riverview	Jacqueline Dalzell Romulus
Michelle Muse-Worthy Southgate	Celestine Tarver Taylor	Jennifer Padgett Woodhaven/Brownst own	Priscilla Gossenheider- Albano Woodhaven/Brownstown

Members on Phone:

All as this was a virtual meeting

Members Excused

Samara Wolf
Karen Howey, RESA

Guest Present Linda Junod, Theresa Beard, Darlene Heard-Thomas

RESA Representatives: Larry Stemple Regina Baker

I. 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 Carol Matthews to accept the agenda. Motion was supported by majority of members present. No objections were made.

Objections: None

II. **Approval of Minutes**

A copy of the minutes was mailed and posted to the website to members in advance and made available at the meeting. A motion was made by Eileen Brandt and seconded by Linda MacClinton to accept the minutes as noted. Motion supported by majority present. No objections were made.

Objections: None

III. **Presentation:**

Voter Rights and Accessibility Presentation done by Lacy Dawson and Tameka Spruce of the [Developmental Disabilities Council of Michigan](#) – presentation embedded here



ACLU Voting Rights
Presentation October

IV. **Chairperson Report:**

Direct Care workers will continue to receive the \$2 per hour increase through the rest of the year. This is fantastic news since there is a critical worker shortage. HOPEFULLY it'll be something that can be permanent:

https://forms.wayne.edu/files/12433/Legislative_Thanks_092020.pdf?fbclid=IwAR2CexaHqUOTK6H42zewqSh-3Na77_yeTCRfLceSd0dZVEtCEH09uJ139AY

The Arc National Convention is being held virtually at no charge. 10/26-10/28.

<https://bit.ly/3hAB7qA>

The After I'm Gone Program from The Arc Western Wayne and The Arc Northwest Wayne that offers trainings on different topics such as social security, mental health services, transition planning, etc if you haven't seen it, there's an update flyer with meeting topics and dates, all which are zoom for the 2020/2021 school is available.

<https://thearcnw.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/After-Im-Gone-20-21.pdf>

The How Right Now initiative provides resources that offer information and support to help individuals adapt and be resilient throughout the Covid-19 pandemic.

www.howrightnow.org

MPAS is now DRM – Disability Rights Michigan

New website is www.drmich.org

Who is MPAS/DRM? Advocates and lawyers that advise individuals with disabilities of their rights and responsibilities and advocate for their human, civil and legal rights within the state of Michigan.

For the advocates guide:

<https://www.drmich.org/resources/special-education/>

Can view online or request a hard copy for a suggested donation of \$25

V. **Vice Chairperson Report:**

Members that are not receiving emails or if you have updated information (phone, etc) reach out to Jennifer Seal

VI. Secretary Report If you need business cards either because you are new or just need new ones please contact Samara Wolf or Jennifer Padgett so they can gather the necessary information for RESA. Even though we are not meeting in person please make sure you sign in at each meeting not just for minute purposes but also for year end mileage reimbursement. If it's a virtual meeting, please make sure a member of the board knows you are there so you can be accounted for.

VII. Treasurer Report
Balance is: \$2,251.30

VIII. Membership/Public Relations Subcommittee

IX. Subcommittee Reports
Special recognition will be held virtually on 10/22/2020. Ensure the spelling on your nomination is correct because the certificates are being printed. Reach out to Eileen Brandt to sync up to get your frame and certificate so you can get it to your nominee. Special Education Directors and Supervisors are invited from the communities of those folks nominated and it is expected that Randy Liepa, RESA superintendent, will be there as well.

X. RESA Reports –

Be sure to check out the [PAC website](#) – remember there is a ton of great information out there that can be a great resource for parents.

XI. Member Reports

None
There was a question was asked about [STEP](#): Services to Enhance Potential, a program that offers supported employment and transition services. The questions was if the thrift stores were still available for donations, Linda Junod confirmed that they are! Step Thrift Stores take donations and have locations in Dearborn, Wayne, and Southgate

XII. Adjournment

A motion was made by Carol Matthews and seconded by Maha Jaber to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Motion passed by majority present. No objections were made.

The next WCPAC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 12, 2020 VIRTUALLY at 6:30pm