



Wayne County Parent Advisory Committee

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Jennifer Padgett & Samara Wolf, Secretary, **Linda MacClinton**, Treasurer

MEETING MINUTES
November 12, 2020

Call to Order

Kara Clarke called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. A quorum of members was present.

Members Present: Virtual Meeting with roll call taken from Zoom attendees and confirmed by Jennifer Seal

Maha Jaber	Elilia Syed	Joann Goree	Jennifer Seal
Crystle Upshaw	Eileen Brandt	Kara Clarke	Michelle DeJesus
Linda MacClinton	Khalilah Montgomery	Monique Draw	Carol Matthews
Jacqueline Dalzell	Michelle Muse-Worthy	Celestine Tarver	Philip Czernik
Priscilla Grossenheider-Albano	Victoria Martinez		

Members on Phone:

All as this was a virtual meeting

Members Excused

Samara Wolf
Jennifer Padgett
Helena Stephenson

Guest Present Chris Skoglund, Pamela Cunningham, Darlene Heard-Thomas, Latoya

RESA Representatives: Larry Stemple, Regina Baker, Karen Howey excused.

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 Phil Czernik 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 Phil Czemik and seconded by Carol Matthews to accept the minutes as noted. Motion supported by majority present. No objections were made.

Objections: None

III. **Presentation:**

Wayne Assistive Technology Team (WATT)

By Chris Skoglund & Pamela Cunningham

Members of the WATT team joined to share information on what services they offer along with some tips for things you can do with simple things found at home. Please see the attached link for the presentation.

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1iqkxTXXYNKrBEdA4m1xHnsQPzz11iAdtEnJwTnPI2AM/edit?usp=sharing>

IV. **Chairperson Report:**

Wright's Law is offering a virtual conference. They have 2 options, one that includes a PDF version of the books that you'd receive at an in person training. And if you already have the books, the other option is training itself, no books.

<https://www.wrightslaw.com/webex/law.adv.index.htm>

MTSA – the Michigan Transition Services Association. Their annual conference is being offered in both in person and virtual. If you opt for virtual you will have the option to watch live and ask questions. You will be given access to recording of sessions as well. You will have access to the recordings for a week after. Work Shop, Key Note Speakers and 6 picked sessions by MTSA Board.

<https://mtsa.reqfox.com/mtsa-2021>

The Mi Council for Exceptional Children that is typically held in Grand Rapids will also be virtual. That conference is March 3-5.

<http://www.michigancec.org/home>

GiGi's Playhouse – known for working with the Down Syndrome community they have a global message of acceptance for all. And with today's world they are also offering lots of virtual support. They have a ton of videos, yoga, art and dance to name a few.

<https://gigisplayhouse.org/gigisathome/>

Something that we have talked about in the past is the MI OCEAN program. MI OCEAN stands for the Michigan Older Caregivers of Emerging Adults with autism & other Neurodevelopmental Disabilities. They are looking for 3 more families for their program.

The program works with families that have a child or children with intellectual/developmental disabilities across the state of Michigan. MI-OCEAN uses a Peer Mentor to work with the family to reduce stress, improve health outcomes and quality of life. The program is FREE!

https://ddi.wayne.edu/mi_ocean/mi-ocean_family_recruitment_flyer_12-30-19.pdf?fbclid=IwAR1jQ_K6hKLzGwLlt-gEy2nnyLSW9wBBFoj-a61VBeFDfgVRdNNtj-PNIs

Autism Alliance of MI – they have webinars often and currently they are also virtual. Even though they are known for working with the autism community they are open to all.

https://autismallianceofmichigan.org/events/list/?tribe_organizers%5B0%5D=5419

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. Subcommittee Reports

We need you!! If you have not already signed up for a subcommittee, please watch your email for a link or click on the link below and sign up! We need your help!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RSV852C>

IX. RESA Reports –

Regina Baker would like for everyone to fill out the Special Education Parent Survey that was emailed; this is to gain feedback on remote learning.

Larry Stemple would like for anyone with questions or concerns due to covid-19 to contact their district's director or feel free to contact RESA. Larry also discussed a couple of upcoming conferences (MTSA and CEC) in March 2021. Since RESA has restrictions on any face to face events, the only way they can support any conference attendance is virtually at this time. Unless things improve drastically and we go back to face to face events, this will be in effect through at least March 31, 2021, and the situation is being monitored. If there is a conference that you are interested in, you can submit your request to Larry or Kara with the virtual conference information you'd like to attend. As of now, we will continue to meet virtually through at least March 2021. Please pay close attention to your email for more information as it is updated. A picture of the Special Recognition Awardees plaque that was engraved will be sent out by Kara Clarke or Eileen Brandt.

X. Member Reports

None

XI. Adjournment

A motion was made by Jennifer Seal and seconded by Linda Macclinton to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m. Motion passed by majority present. No objections were made.

The next WCPAC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 10, 2020 VIRTUALLY at 6:30pm