



**Wayne County Parent Advisory Committee**

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MEETING MINUTES  
April 8, 2021

**Call to Order**

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

**Members Present:** Virtual Meeting- A roll call performed by Samara Wolf

Maha Jaber Crestwood	Eilia Syed Dearborn	Joann Goree Detroit	Sharene Nathan Detroit
Tiffany Edmonds Ecorse	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
Clare Brick Northville	Maria Warmuth Northville	Jim Michalik Plymouth Canton	Linda MacClinton Redford Union
Khalilah Montgomery Redford Union	Carol Matthews Riverview	Jacqueline Dalzell Romulus	Michelle Muse-Worthy Southgate
Celestine Tarver Taylor	Jamie Czernik Trenton	Philip Czernik Trenton	Jennifer Padgett Woodhaven/Brnstwn
Priscilla Grossenheider- Albano Woodhaven/Brnstwn	Jessica Owulette Plymouth Scholars	Samara Wolf Quest Charter Acad.	

**Members on Phone:** All listed above as we continue to meet virtually due to Covid restrictions

**Members Excused:**

Victoria Martinez, Wyandotte  
Iesha Brassell, Dearborn Heights #7  
Monique Draw, Ecorse

**Guests Present:**

Darlene Beard Thomas  
Beth Kohler  
Angelica Ramirez, Detroit Public School District  
Mia Halthon Jones  
Stephanie Leavitt

**RESA Representatives:** Larry Stemple Regina Baker

<b>Dates to Remember</b>	
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**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 Sharene Nathan to accept the agenda. Motion was supported by majority of members present. No objections were made.

Objections: N/A

**II. Approval of Minutes**

A copy of the March 11, 2021 minutes was mailed and posted to the website to members in advance and made available at the meeting. A motion was made by Sharene Nathan and seconded Joann Goree to accept the minutes as noted. Motion supported by majority present. No objections were made.

Objections: N/A

**III. Presentation:**

Julianna Molnar, District Occupational Therapist, Livonia Public Schools on Picky Eaters

Full copy of the presentation is available if you scan this QR code



The drive to feed your child is as strong as the drive itself, in other words if you are extremely driven to ensure your child is fed it is expected

Presenter confirmed this is not in place of seeing a doctor or a nutritionist  
As caregivers we are trained by those we care for. We can't stop introducing new foods and can't reinforce their behavior (that's xyz, you don't like that)

Concern comes when there is poor weight gain, when mealtimes become battles, <20 foods, breathing problems, and ongoing coughing, gagging & choking

While there may be GI issues at play that is outside of the scope of this discussion and requires a medical team

Julianna is using content from Kay Toomey, PhD and the Sensory Oral Sequential (SOS) found at <https://sosapproachtofeeding.com/>

Great tips to support healthy eating habits and how to engage a picky eater including positive eating behaviors and eating skills. Eating skills include demonstrating or explaining chewing and using mirrors to help kids see and understand what is going with their mouths while they're eating as well as describing food outside of the mouth before it goes in the mouth (grape example where so much

happens when a person puts a grape in their mouth – talk about it, see it, take it apart, etc BEFORE they put it in their mouth)

Julianna encouraged anyone from the group to contact her with any questions or if they want more information at [jmolnar@livoniapublicschools.org](mailto:jmolnar@livoniapublicschools.org)

#### **IV. Chairperson Report – Kara**

I'd like to start my report with some celebration. Please join me in giving a big congratulations to Eileen Brandt! She is the new President Elect for MTSA (Michigan Transition Services Association)! Eileen, thank you for continuing to make your part of the world a better place. So proud of you!

A reminder for upcoming meetings. Next month we will be discussing what we hope to be a post pandemic IEP along with updates from MDE.

In June we will have a presentation on Alternatives to Guardianship. Just a reminder that this presentation will be about 2 hours, so it's a little longer than our typical presentation but it is well worth it if you have never heard this one before, no matter how old your child/children are.

North Star Reach is offering a family camp at home program. They usually have camp sessions during the summer and due to Covid they are going virtual. They have 2 spring sessions, April 30<sup>th</sup> and May 21<sup>st</sup>. Both will have a live opening event on Friday evening and a closing event on Saturday night. You register until the day of but if you register a head of time you'll receive a VIP Camp Care Package with some supplies and activities. This is free of charge and sounded like something fun to do! It's open to families caring for a child with a serious health challenge and the main camper needs to be 17 and younger.

<https://campathome.northstarreach.org/apply-to-spring-family-camp/>

It's not too late to register for the START (Statewide Autism Resources & Training) conference on May 3<sup>rd</sup>!

<https://www.gvsu.edu/autismcenter/start-conference-167.htm>

The Michigan Family Summit is being held May 11-12, 2021. There is no cost for families to attend.

[https://ddi.wayne.edu/events/mi\\_family\\_summit\\_flyer.pdf](https://ddi.wayne.edu/events/mi_family_summit_flyer.pdf)

MDE (MI Dept of Ed) is seeking public comment on the proposed changes to the Special Ed State Complaints procedure and model document. I have not had a chance to read through this yet but what I can tell you is that the document will provide details specific to state complaint requirements and the filing process. The Dispute Resolution Options document will provide a general overview of options available for resolving concerns related to special education. A draft of this document can be found on the website. The deadline for public comment is 5pm on April 30<sup>th</sup>.

<https://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-6598-554778--,00.html>

The last thing I wanted to mention is the START passport. If you are not familiar with it, this could be a good tool to use when setting individual goals both in school and at home; to ensure typical grade-level experiences are happening for our students. The passport can be found on the website. Link will be in the minutes.

<https://www.gvsu.edu/autismcenter/passport-216.htm>

**V. Vice Chairperson Report-** If you need a welcome packet (i.e. your brand new/lost your other one) let Jennifer Seal know and she will get you taken care of.

**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** The account balance remains unchanged at \$2,251.30

**VIII. Membership/Public Relations Subcommittee**  
No one had anything to report

**IX. Subcommittee Reports**

**Special Recognition:** Nominations are due today (4/8/2021). All recognitions can be submitted to Jennifer Seal, Kara Clarke, or Larry Stemple. The virtual event will be held May 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

**Legislative Subcommittee:**  
Update on [Senate Bill 101](#)

State or Fed	Bill Numbr	Summary	Status/Comments
S	<a href="#">SB 101</a>	Mental Health transportation - Creates standards & licensing requirements for health transport for involuntary psych hospitalization.	Allows security transport officer to transport patient as opposed to being taken by a police officer Also proposes creating a county mental health transportation panel. Ref to Comm on Health Policy & Human Services on 2/4

**PAC nomination / election subcommittee** Crystal Upshaw presented nominations on behalf of the committee.

- Nominations Received:  
 Chairperson: Kara Clarke  
 Vice Chairperson: Jennifer Seal  
 Secretary: Samara Wolf  
 Secretary: Michelle Muse-Worthy  
 Treasurer: Linda MacClinton

A motion was made by Maha Japer and seconded by Jenn Padgett to confirm the nominations as presented. Motion supported by majority present. No objections were made.

**X. RESA Reports –**

Larry: Congratulations to the new nominees.

Larry: remember that RESA does still support PAC member attendance at virtual conferences, if interested send an email to Kara Clarke and Larry Stemple.

Larry: For those whose term expires this year now is the time to start working with your district for renomination. Timing is important because the it has to go to your local board, then gets submitted to RESA and it then it has to go to the RESA board, and they meet once a month. Contact Larry or Regina with any questions.

Regina: Congratulations to the PAC Nominees and I really enjoyed the Picky Eater presentation.

**XI. Member Reports**

Joann shared with us that Charles was able to get his Covid shot!

Sharene shared that Detroit Public Schools (DPS) has partnered with the Detroit city Mayor to be hubs for Covid testing and Vaccinations as well as Gleaners that will be there passing out food. DPS superintendent decided to keep students remote for another week after families are returning from spring break. DPS offered the option for students to opt out of standardized testing, for those that are participating in the testing that starts next week

**XII. Public Comment: None**

**XIII. Adjournment**

A motion was made by Michelle Muse-Worthy and seconded by Joann Goree to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m. Motion passed by majority present. No objections were made.

**The next WCPAC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 13 2021 at 6:30pm virtually (when in person at Wayne RESA in the Boyds Arthur's Auditorium).**