



Wayne County Parent Advisory Committee

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MEETING MINUTES
May 13, 2021

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- A roll call performed by Jenn Padgett

Stephanie Leavitt Allen Park	Eilia Syed Dearborn	Iesha Brassell Drb. Hts. #7	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	Jame Michalik Plymouth/Canton
Linda MacClinton Redford Union	Monique Draw River Rouge	Carol Matthews Riverview	Jacqueline Dalzell Romulus
Michelle Muse-Worthy Southgate	Celestine Tarver Taylor	Jamie Czernik Trenton	Jennifer Padgett Woodhaven/Brownst own
Victoria Martinez Wyandotte	Samara Wolf Quest Charter Acad.		

Members on Phone:

Members Excused: Khalilah Montgomery

Guests Present: Kimberly Krug – RESA & WRACE, Darnella Delfine- RESA & WRACE, Melissa Baker – RESA & WRACE, Lescira Binion – RESA & WRACE, Darlene Heard-Thomas, Beth Kohler – SEMS, Matt Salah – SE Director & WBSD, Bonnie Duthie – RESA Early Childhood, Debbie, Mike Testa – Livonia PTSA, Theresa Lumetta, Sandy Kester – Early Childhood Autism

RESA Representatives: Larry Stemple Regina Baker Patti Silveri

Dates to Remember	
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Next Meeting on June 10, 2021	
Special Recognition Zoom Special 5-20-2021 @ 6:30pm	

I. Approval of Agenda

A copy of the May meeting agenda was emailed and posted to the website to members in advance and made available at the meeting. A motion was made by Helena Stephenson and seconded by Jamie Czernik to accept the agenda. Motion was supported by majority of members present. No objections were made.

Objections: _____

II. Approval of Minutes

A copy of the April 8, 2021 minutes 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 Carol Matthews to accept the minutes as noted. Motion supported by majority present. No objections were made.

Objections: _____

III. Presentation: We had 2 presentations tonight.

Patti Silveri

- 1) There is no new guidance regarding contingency learning plans so they should still be in effect. Each child may have one IF remote (virtual) learning is taking place.
- 2) Make sure you are making bullet lists of things you are noticing about your child (good or bad) while remote (virtual) learning. Where you may need to provide for the child's IEP.

WRACE – Wayne Regional Autism Collaborative for Excellence

Here is the link to the presentation :

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1EX0gOwXpoPS9gxpkoSWCnr9Z20MLD-2MDd2rxVqJppA/edit?usp=sharing>

Here is a link for their survey they talk about in the presentation:

<https://forms.gle/ArKNTUboe6nmvnJR7>

IV. Chairperson Report –

ACTION ALERT!! The House Appropriations Committee rejected an amendment last week which would appropriate the funding to continue the \$2.25 per hour wage increase for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2021. If you feel so inclined to do, I encourage you to reach out to your State Representative and State Senator regarding the critical need to provided funding for continuing the wage increase in the next fiscal year.

In the event you are not aware of what a direct care worker does - they provide essential personal care, training, emotional support, and respite to an estimated 100,000 Michigan residents with mental illnesses or developmental disabilities.

[Click here for the Press Release](#) and for more information [please click here](#).

To find your State Rep, [please click here](#). And to find your State Senator, [please click here](#).

Next month we will wrap up the 2020-2021 school year with a presentation on Rethinking Guardianship: Supported Decision Making. The first time I saw this presentation it was life changing for me. Just a friendly reminder that the presentation will be a little longer than our usual, and to be respectful of time we will keep all our PAC business to a minimum and if there is something that can be done via email, we will.

If you are looking for a training or webinar there are multiple resources out there. Here are a few of my favorites:

[MTSA – Michigan Transition Services Association](#) is offering a transition training series that is free for members. You can find this information in the members section of the website.

[Michigan Alliance for Families](#) has upcoming trainings under the events section and all kinds of “on demand webinars” that you can watch under the webinar section.

Lastly, there is the [Michigan Developmental Disabilities Institute](#). You can view their upcoming webinars in the news and events section.

Links will be included in the minutes.

V. **Vice Chairperson Report-** If you need any paperwork or a packet please contact Jennifer Seal. Jennifer also reported that her Director is super excited about the Special Recognition next week.

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 ONLY** 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 at \$2,251.30

VIII. **Membership/Public Relations Subcommittee**

IX. **Subcommittee Reports-**

Legislative -  Legislative Updates 2021-Lafax

X. **RESA Reports –** Larry announced his last day with RESA will be June 30, 2021, as he is retiring. He will be sorely missed, but we are blessed that Regina Baker will continue to work as the RESA representative to the WCPAC. Regina had nothing to report.

XI. Member Reports -

Eileen Brandt – MTSA – if you are a member or attended any other virtual seminar the next 2 in the series are free. They are on May 17th 1-3pm and May 24th (Mental Health in the classroom)

Sharene Nathan - DMC Hospital will be administering vaccines on May 25th and June 15th
7am – 3pm

XII. Adjournment

A motion was made by Samara Wolf and seconded by Victoria Martinez to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Motion passed by majority present. No objections were made.

The next WCPAC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 10, 2021 at 6:30pm virtually (when in person at Wayne RESA in the Boyd’s Arthur’s Auditorium).