



Wayne County Parent Advisory Committee

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MEETING MINUTES
January 13, 2022

Call to Order

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

Members Present:

Karima Alwishah Dearborn	Elia Syed Dearborn	Iesha Brassell Dearborn Heights #7	Joann Goree Detroit	Sharene Nathan Detroit
Crystle Upshaw Lincoln Park	Kara Clarke Livonia	Michelle DeJesus Melvindale-NAP	Clare Brick Northville	Maria Warmuth Northville
James Michalik Plymouth-Canton	Khalilah Montgomery Redford Union	Linda MacClinton Redford Union	Michelle Muse-Worthy Southgate	Celestine Tarver Taylor
Steven Bejarano Wayne-Westland	Kristen Bejarano Wayne-Westland	Victoria Martinez Wyandotte	Samara Wolf Quest Charter	

Members Excused: Jennifer Seal, Helena Stephenson, Phil Czernik, Jamie Czernik, Priscilla Grossenheider-Albano

Guests Present: Rosalind Pope, Colleen Cameon, Dara Wilson, Darlene Heard-Thomas, Sarah Mazhar, Sarah Tumminello, Tiffany Cobb, Shalayla Williams, Darcy Matthies, Pat Phillips

RESA Representative: Vita Lusk

Dates to Remember

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<i>Next Meeting on February 10, 2022</i>	

I. Approval of Agenda

A copy of the meeting agenda was emailed and posted to the website for members in advance and made available at the meeting. A motion was made by Michelle DeJesus and seconded by Steven Bejarano to accept the agenda. Motion was supported by a majority of members present. No objections were made.

Objections: _____

II. Approval of Minutes

A copy of the meeting agenda was emailed and posted to the website for members in advance. A motion was made by Michelle DeJesus and seconded by Maria Warmuth to accept the minutes as noted. Motion supported by majority present. No objections were made.

Objections: _____

III. Presentation:

Post-Secondary Education with Michael Bray from Michigan Developmental Disabilities Institute (Mi-DDI) Wayne State University <https://ddi.wayne.edu>, mikebray@wayne.edu (313) 577-4178

See attached for a PDF copy of the presentation.

20 Strategies for Preparing for Postsecondary Life
https://thinkcollege.net/sites/default/files/files/resources/~_20PowerfulStrategies.pdf

Inclusive college programs for students with I/DD
<https://thinkcollege.net>

Eye to Eye is a peer mentoring group. 'Eye to Eye brings together middle school students who learn differently (in grades 5 through 8) with local high school and college students who also learn differently in a supervised, school-based setting where they navigate a fun and engaging weekly curriculum of projects proven to develop the most critical skills students who learn differently need to thrive in school and life.' [Mentoring - Eye to Eye \(eyetoeyenational.org\)](http://mentoring-eye-to-eye.org)
<https://eyetoeyenational.org>

Eastern Michigan University offers college credit opportunities for high school student with IEPs, called ECA@EMU. If your student is graduating with a diploma, this program may help your student get a head start on college and career while earning credits.
<https://www.earlycollegealliance.info>

Mi School Data - special education data for the state
<https://www.mischooldata.org/special-education-data-portraits-disability/>

IV. Chairperson Report –

Resources!

Michigan Alliance for Families Building Blocks of Self-Advocacy (great topic to support our students!)

January 26, 2022 at 10:00am (Virtual Meeting)

[Click here for more information and to register.](#)

The Arc Virtual Program Library

Find and/or share on-demand activities for people with disabilities.

<https://programlibrary.thearc.org>

V. **Vice Chairperson Report-** If you are a new member and have not yet received a member packet, or if any of your contact information has changed, please contact Jennifer Seal.

VI. **Secretary Report-** If you need business cards, please contact Samara Wolf so she 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 (only applies for in person meetings). When meeting virtually, please make sure a member of the board knows you are in attendance so you can be accounted for.

VII. **Treasurer Report -** The account balance is \$2,251.30.

VIII. **Subcommittee Reports-**

Community Conversations held a Zoom meeting on January 17th, 2022, at 11:00am. Invites for this meeting have been sent to the subcommittee members.

Special Recognition- start thinking about recognizing people in our community who help individuals with special needs.

IX. **RESA Reports –** Vita Lusk:

Vita shared that the Wayne County Plan for delivery of services will be submitted to the State for approval on 1.14.2022.

WRESA continues to Work collaboratively with constituent districts on addressing the critical shortage of staff in special education. This group is made up of WRESA staff, special education directors and HR representatives from a number of districts and PSAs. The task force has been utilizing the Federal Office of Special Education’s guidance on attracting, preparing and retaining special education staff to direct the work in Wayne County for addressing the critical shortage.

New consultant – Kim Cieszynski. Super excited to have Kim on the team!

X. **Member Reports-**

-Sharene Nathan-DPSPD- COVID-19 procedures and when students start school next week.

-Joann Goree-DPSPD- families can pick up lunches for free.

-Victoria Martinez- Michigan Families of Alliances- Needs vs Service, and One-to-One mentor support. <http://www.michiganallianceforfamilies.org/upcoming-events/>

-Steven Bejarano-A great program for kids who spend a lot of time in hospital with doctors, and their families. NO COST to families. <https://akidagain.org/chapter/michigan/>

XI. **Adjournment**

A motion was made by Samara Wolf and seconded by Sharene Nathan to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 p.m. Motion passed by majority present. No objections were made.

The next WCPAC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 10, 2022, at 6:30pm virtually (when in person at Wayne RESA in the Boyd’s Arthur’s Auditorium).