



Wayne County Parent Advisory Committee

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

MEETING MINUTES

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	Eilia Syed Dearborn	Iesha Brassell Drb. Hts #7	Joann Goree Detroit
Tiffany Emonds-Jasso Ecorse	Rosalind Pope Grosse Pointe	Helena Stephenson Harper Woods	Crystle Upshaw Lincoln Park
Eileen Brandt Livonia	Kara Clarke Livonia	Michelle DeJesus Melvindale/A.P.	Linda MacClinton Redford Union
Tracee Winston South Redford	Michelle Muse-Worthy Southgate	Darcy Matthies Taylor Exemplar Acad.	Kristin Bejarano Wayne/Westland
Steven Bejarano Wayne/Westland	Victoria Martinez Wyandotte	Samara Wolf Quest Charter Acad.	

Members Excused: Jennifer Seal, Clare Brick, Maria Warmuth, James Michalik, Jamie Czernik, Philip Czernik

Guests Present: Beth Koehler (SEMS), Cheryl Levine (SEMS), Bern Dempsey (SEMS), Lisa Horvatich, Shalayla Williams, Andia O’Hare, Katia Simonian, Nicole Chubb, Greg Nigosian, Lauren Peters, Diamond Caldwell, Maurice Young, Bionca Waller

RESA Representatives: Vita Lusk, Celeste Johnson

<i>Dates to Remember</i>	
<i>New Member Orientation April 14, 2022 @ 6pm</i>	
<i>Next Meeting on April 14, 2022 @6:30pm</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 Samara Wolf and seconded by Michelle DeJesus 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 February 14, 2022, minutes was emailed and posted to the website for members in advance. A motion was made by Samara Wolf and seconded by Michelle DeJesus to accept the minutes as noted. Motion supported by majority present. No objections were made.

Objections: _____

III. **Presentation:**

How to Develop & Maintain Trust in School/Family Partnerships
Special Education Mediation Services (SEMS)
Beth Kohler, Cheryl Levine & Bern Dempsey
<https://www.mikids1st.org>

Presenters spoke about the key components of trust: Importance, Define, Build, Nurture, Repair

Please see the copy of presentation for all the details.

IV. **Chairperson Report:**

The annual state application under Part B of the IDEA for Federal Fiscal Year 2022 is open for public review from 3/7/22-5/7/22. Written comment will be accepted by MDE/OSE through 5:00pm on 4/7/22. The total amount in the spreadsheet represents an amount provided for federal fiscal year 2021 in absence of estimated figured provided by the US Dept of Ed for 2022.

https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/FFY22-PartB-App_749515_7.pdf

To submit comment via email: use 'Federal Application 2022' as the subject line
MDE-OSE-Public-Comment@michigan.gov

Fax: (517) 241-7128

Or mail:

Program Accountability
Federal Application
Office of Special Education
Michigan Department of Education
P.O. Box 30008
Lansing, MI 48909

Dyslexia legislation

This package of bills was introduced last April. There has been a push to get the bills out of committee and talk that this will be on the agenda March 15, 2022. Please take a moment to review the bills, and if you feel that you'd like to support these, you are encouraged to reach out to your Senator and the committee and ask them to support these. You can find information using the links below.

[SB 380](#)

[SB 381](#)

[SB 382](#)

[SB 383](#)

Self-Advocates of Michigan

Virtual Community Conversation on March 16!

Topics: Voting with Disabilities in Michigan: A Conversation About Your Rights

Time: 2:00 p.m. EST

Register: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JL2DHLR>

Rachel Prevatt of Disability Rights Michigan (DRM) will present on Michigan voting rights, how voters with disabilities can be informed and engaged, and the work DRM is doing to ensure accessibility and visibility, as well as answer your questions about voting.

Trainings

AAoM conference– Friday, March 18th! No charge!

In person conference with a virtual option.

<https://autismallianceofmichigan.org/2022-conference/>

MTSA – After Hours series!

<https://www.michigantsa.org/mtsa-after-hours/>

START Conference – May 2nd!

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

V. **Vice Chairperson Report-** There will be a new member orientation that all are welcome attend on 4-14-2022 at 6:00pm (before the next meeting). Also, if you need any paperwork/new member pack, 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 be sure to sign in at each meeting for minute purposes and year-end mileage reimbursement (only applies for in person meetings). If the meeting is virtual, please make sure a member of the board knows you are in attendance.

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

VIII. **Subcommittee Reports-**

Membership/PR - We had a table at the Western Wayne Skills Center Resource Fair. Michelle Muse-Worthy and Jennifer Seal helped represent the WCPAC at the resource fair. In speaking with people in attendance, there were some people that knew nothing about WCPAC, so this was time well spent and a successful event.

For all members, especially members who have joined the WCPAC since September, there will be a brief orientation meeting beginning at 6pm on April, prior to our April meeting.

Special Recognition – Just a reminder that nominations for Special Recognition are due by the end of the April meeting. As a reminder, all members can nominate someone (person, group, team, etc.) who has made a positive contribution to enhancing the lives of students with disabilities in Wayne County. Please see the attached letter for details and instructions. A copy of the nomination form has been included for quick reference.

Nomination/Election – It's that time of year again! Time to elect the Executive Board for the 2022-23 school year. The positions for the EB are Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer. Please see the bylaws for the specifics of each position and the nomination process. Nominees will be presented at the April meeting. To make a nomination, please submit your nomination to Crystle from Lincoln Park by the start of the April meeting. Her contact information can be found on the roster.

IX. RESA Reports – Vita shared that the General Supervision and Accountability Team continues to work on their outlined activities, including working with office of special education on the ISD self-assessment tool, and data use and action process (see the February meeting minutes for more details). One focus for the special education and early intervention services department is on initiatives to work on the critical shortage of special education staff. Many of the special education and early intervention services staff along with other RESA departments met with special education directors and HR directors throughout the county to continue working on attracting, preparing and retaining special education staff. This is a priority for Wayne RESA. They are partnering with universities in addition to many educational leaders throughout the county.

X. Member Reports- Victoria Martinez shared a document from the State of Michigan SEAC (Special Education Advisory Committee). Please see attached. If you have any suggestions or feedback, please share with Victoria via email (see roster).

Victoria also shared about Michigan Alliance for Families; all parent mentors are parents of children receiving special education services. <https://www.michiganallianceforfamilies.org>

XI. Adjournment

A motion was made by Victoria Martinez and seconded by Samara Wolf to adjourn the meeting at 8:23p.m. Motion passed by majority present. No objections were made.

**The next WCPAC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 14, 2022, at 6:30pm virtually
When in person, meetings are held at Wayne RESA in the Boyd's Arthur's Auditorium.**