



Wayne County Parent Advisory Committee

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MEETING MINUTES

April 13, 2023

Call to Order

Samara Wolf called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m., the quorum was met.

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

Iesha Brassell Dearborn Heights #7	Joann Goree Detroit	Sharene Nathan Detroit	Jennifer Seal Garden City
Crystle Upshaw Lincoln Park	Eileen Brandt Livonia	Kara Clarke Livonia	Michelle DeJesus Melvindale/NAP
Clare Brick Northville	Maria Warmuth Northville	Jim Michalik Plymouth Canton	Tracee Winston South Redford
Michelle Muse-Worthy Southgate	Phil Czernik Trenton	Tenisha Williams Westwood	Victoria Martinez Wyandotte
Krystina Wilson Legacy Charter	Samara Wolf Taylor Prep		

Members Excused: N/A

Guests Present: Darlene Heard-Thomas, Beth Kohler, Capri Martinez, Bern Dempsey, Sarah Jacobsen, Lauren Metiva-Renner

RESA Representatives: Vita Lusk, Celeste Johnson,

Dates to Remember

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<i>Next Meeting on May 11, 2023</i>	

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 Sharene Nathan and seconded by Joann Goree to accept the agenda. Motion supported by majority present.

No objections were made.

II. Approval of Minutes

A copy of the March 9, 2023 minutes was emailed to members and posted to the website in advance, and made available at the meeting. A motion was made by Sharene Nathan and seconded by Eileen Brandt to accept the minutes as noted. Motion supported by majority present. No objections were made.

III. Presentation

*How to Succeed & Communicate Effectively
with the Most Challenging Personalities*

Beth Kohler & Bern Dempsey

Special Education Mediation Services (SEMS)

Click on the link to view the presentation.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1u_z8AeS53qfD179kOKjvitWQy4Cswx1y/view?usp=sharing

IV. Chairperson Report

MiPAAC (MI Parent, Advocate & Attorney Coalition) Meeting -

Monday, April 17, 2023 1 pm – 2:30 pm

For more information: <https://mipaac.org/>

MiPAAC Survey -

The survey is an opportunity for you to share your experience with special education services and supports for yourself and/or your child/children.

WHO: Current and former students with disabilities (IEP or 504 Plan)

Parents/caregivers of students with disabilities (current or former students, Early Intervention, IEP or 504 Plan)

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Livonia AIR Cardio Drumming

April 19, 2023 6 pm – 6:30 pm

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1C-6M5K76Gqakl4AP8IBXjl8BJgKFlwm/view?usp=share_link

DPN's We Are Ausome Event

April 21, 2023

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1r8moRrlhfUd7AHlyX72AuCgvcOH6gS6k/view?usp=share_link

DPN Unique Abilities Talk

April 26, 2023 6pm

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1DljNIO7IGSMkTPbb_rkS9d-8z2YFhFtq/view?usp=share_link

Mental Health & Wellness Fair

April 29, 2023 10 am – 2 pm

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1A6bfGUBCQODUbkUXTFUQgysY-EnG6yUi/view?usp=share_link

Livonia AIR Spring Dance

April 29, 2023 5:30 pm – 8 pm

https://drive.google.com/file/d/13JVAO7b_Q_Y_CHKOsDM0AzZkf_SWMXgP/view?usp=share_link

Family Alliance Network's Strolling Mother's Day Event

May 6, 2023 5 pm – 8 pm

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1dk_kvTPeZ4g6qMTw6Ce9nachbfyCcgwY/view?usp=share_link

Spring Craft Show at Garfield Skills Center

May 12, 2023 8:30 am – 1:30 pm

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1N1pg_tFgB3Je8kbjK36sZGDpRMZF4_m1/view?usp=share_link

V. Vice Chairperson Report

If you need a new member packet or need to update your contact information on the roster, please reach out to Samara Wolf.

VI. Secretary Report

If you need business cards, please contact Michelle Muse-Worthy. Business cards will be mailed directly to you once they are ready. As we continue to meet virtually, attendance will be done with a virtual roll call. Please listen during the roll call so attendance is properly recorded. If you do not hear your name during the roll call, please make sure that someone from the Executive Board knows that you are in attendance.

VII. Treasurer Report

The account balance is \$1808.40.

VIII. Subcommittee Reports

To sign up for a subcommittee, please use this link to do so: <https://forms.gle/vHZXaTLixQrnjZUn8>

Special Recognition- We will hold Special Recognition virtually on Thursday, April 27, 2023, at 6:30 pm. All are welcome and encouraged to attend, even if you are not nominating someone this year. The link will be sent out again closer to the 27th.

Nomination/Election- No nominations have been submitted to Subcommittee Chairperson at the time of the meeting, the only confirmed nomination at this time is for Victoria from Wyandotte. No nominations were made from the floor during the meeting. The current Executive Board (EB) has served for multiple consecutive years, it's time for new leadership.

The conversation continued about possibly changing the EB, specifically changing the Vice Chairperson to Chair-Elect, who would serve as Chairperson for the following year. They would work with the Chairperson to learn more about the Chairperson's position/role and responsibilities which would include updating the bylaws to reflect this (potential) change.

Sharene said that she would be interested in serving and she will reach out to Kara to further discuss. Eileen made a motion to table the nomination/election discussion and further the conversation in May. Sharene Nathan seconded the motion.

Eileen shared that the EB was previously set up with the EB members serving 2-year terms. The issue became getting people to commit or they would serve one year and still walk away. Which is why the bylaws were updated and changed to how they are written today.

Motion passed.

IX. RESA Reports

No updates this month.

X. Member Report

Sharene Nathan shared that Detroit Public Schools Community District has created a lobby day, May 18th, to address the budget cuts. They are recruiting parents to attend and for those that cannot, they are creating a letter so their voices can be heard.

Kara recognized and thanked Vita and Celeste for their help with contacting districts and working on membership. Celeste created a survey to help support the districts to make sure they do their due diligence with membership.

XI. Public Comment

Joann Goree shared that there was a nice breakfast and workshop opportunity at the Ren Cen last month that focused on “parents are heroes too!” There was a nice turnout and it was a very nice event.

Eileen Brandt reminded everyone that the Transition Expo is on April 20th Downriver.
Krystina Wilson volunteered to host a table for WCPAC at the Expo.

XII. Adjournment

A motion was made by Samara Wolf and seconded by Victoria Martinez to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m. Motion was passed by the majority present.

The next WCPAC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 11, 2023, at 6:30 pm, via Zoom.