



Wayne County Parent Advisory Committee

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MEETING MINUTES
February 9, 2023

Call to Order

Kara Clarke called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., the quorum was met.

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

Maha Jaber Crestwood	Joann Goree Detroit	Sharene Nathan Detroit	Rosalind Pope Grosse Pointe
Crystle Upshaw Lincoln Park	Eileen Brandt Livonia	Kara Clarke Livonia	Michelle DeJesus Melvindale/NAP
Clare Brick Northville	James Michalik Plymouth/Canton	Khaliliah Montgomery Redford Union	Emily Garcia Riverview
Tracee Winston South Redford	Kristin Bejarano Wayne/Westland	Steven Bejarano Wayne/Westland	Tenisha Williams Westwood
Priscilla Grossenheider-Albano Woodhaven/Btown	Samara Wolf Taylor Prep		

Members Excused: Ilesha Brassell, Jennifer Seal, Michelle Muse-Worthy, Victoria Martinez

Guests Present: Beth Kohler, Capri Martinez, Robert Gonzalez, Alisse, Bridget Green, Lindsay Ivan

RESA Representatives: Vita Lusk

Dates to Remember

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<i>Next Meeting on March 9, 2023</i>	<i>IEPs</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 Samara Wolf 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 January 12, 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 Samara Wolf to accept the minutes as noted. Motion supported by majority present. No objections were made.

III. Something To Think About

Next month will elections/nominations will open for the 2023-24 WCPAC Executive Board. There are 4 positions – Chairperson and only one person may serve), Vice Chairperson, Secretary, and Treasurer where up to two people may serve. This is a one-year term that requires only a little extra time commitment. Those on the Executive Board work closely with Vita and Celeste at RESA. Plus, it is a great opportunity to network and expand your own special education knowledge.

IV. Presentation

Why do I have to be a “positive” parent?
Bridget Green LPC NCC
Midwest Wellness

Please click on the link below for a copy of the presentation.

<https://tinyurl.com/2y769v9j>

V. Chairperson Report

On Saturday, February 4th, Kara and Samara hosted the WCPAC table at the Northville High School during the Northville Parent Camp and Mental Health and Wellness Fair. We met many different families from all over the county and were happy to add 20 people to our remind list which means they will now receive monthly meeting announcements.

A vote was held by those in attendance to determine if meetings for the 2023-24 school year would be virtual or in-person and the results were to continue meeting virtually.

CONFERENCES

MTSA

February 21-23 in Lansing

<https://www.michigantsa.org/conference/>

Council for Exceptional Children

March 1-3 in Grand Rapids

<https://web.cvent.com/event/e8fbcc94-2f44-4e0d-be57-f765b5ac33b7/summary>

Autism Alliance of MI's Navigating Autism Conference

March 10th in Novi – this conference is \$10

<https://autismallianceofmichigan.org/2023-conference/>

START Conference

May 1st in Lansing

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

UPCOMING TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

WRACE: Answers For Our Toughest Students

February 13th 9a-11a

Must register to attend and registration closes Sunday, 2/12/23 evening.

https://reg.learningstream.com/reg/event_page.aspx?ek=0047-0004-3b4214ee2d54480cb82135f11fb52147

Leaders In Policy Advocacy (LIPA)

6-month training, 1 weekend per month, beginning April 21st.

For more information and to apply: www.tinyurl.com/LIPA2023

Application deadline is 3/24/23 <https://www.michiganallianceforfamilies.org/lipa/>

VI. 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.

VII. 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.

VIII. Treasurer Report

The account balance is \$1808.40.

IX. 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. By the March meeting, please advise if you are making a nomination and the number of framed certificates that you will need. The formal nomination is due by the end of March so we can get the framed certificates to you during the week of the April meeting. If you have any questions, please contact Priscilla from Woodhaven, the subcommittee chairperson, Kara, anyone on the Executive Board or Vita.

By-Laws- RESA is reviewing the suggested revisions, once they are done we will send them out on the listserv.

Nomination/Election- Once again, the nomination/election period will begin at the March meeting. We are looking to fill all the positions which are the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, and Treasurer. This is a one-year term and only requires a little extra time commitment. Please consider serving on the Executive Board and do not hesitate to contact the current executive board with questions or to discuss their role!

X. RESA Reports

Vita -

As mentioned at the January PAC meeting, WRESA was supporting a County WIDE Community Conversation event to highlight the advantages of employing individuals with disabilities. The goal was to increase business partnerships throughout the county to open more doors for students to learn employment skills AND to be gainfully employed.

The message was that “work gives individuals a sense of purpose and self-worth. For many, it defines who we are and is a source of pride. Work helps improve our finances, and it helps us connect socially. All individuals, regardless of disability, deserve the opportunity to be full members of their community where they can live, learn, work and have fun through all stages of life.”

The event turned out to be a huge success. The planning committee included transition coordinators from each region in Wayne County. Each region had 1-3 community business partners attend.

- Livonia's Garfield Skills Center invited United Road Family ... private family business talked about how much HE has learned from this experience and whenever he has an opening, he goes directly to a school partner to hire a student.
- Mixer Program from Lincoln Park invited the GM from The Henry Hotel in Dearborn
- Detroit invited regional managers from DTE, Goodwill, and MRS

Each business partner spoke to the attendees about their experiences partnering with a school district's transition programs and the positive impact on their employees. Break out session with district AND community partners to discuss how we can increase employment opportunities for students with disabilities as a community.

XI. Member Reports

None.

XI. Public Comment

None.

XII. Adjournment

A motion was made by Steven Bejarano and seconded by Priscilla Grossenheider-Albano to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 p.m. Motion was passed by the majority present. No objections were made.

The next WCPAC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 9, 2023, at 6:30 pm, via Zoom.