



Wayne County Parent Advisory Committee

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Kara Clarke, Chairperson **Victoria Martinez**, Chair-Elect
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MEETING MINUTES
October 12, 2023

Call to Order

Kara Clarke called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. A quorum of members was present.

Members Present: -

Melissa Richardson Allen Park	Jouhaina Bazzi Dearborn	Angela Khater Dearborn	Ilesha Brassell Dearborn Hts #7
Elena Mirea Garden City	Jennifer Seal Garden City	Crystle Upshaw Lincoln Park	Eileen Brandt Livonia
Kara Clarke Livonia	Michelle DeJesus Melvindale/NAP	Clare Brick Northville	Michelle Muse-Worthy Southgate
Tenisha Williams Westwood	Victoria Martinez Wyandotte	Laila Ismael Hanley Intl.	Samara Wolf Taylor Prep

Members Excused: Maria Warmuth, Priscilla Grossenheider-Albano

Guests Present: Sandra Cunningham, Sandy Borgne, Lisa-Marie Bailey, Joann Goree, Matt Sokol, Mike Esseily, Ricky Jackson, Trienere Powell, Ashley Jackson, Michelle DeJaeger, Brian Dunn, Nicole Chubb, Maegan Sprow, Beth Santer, Scott Armstrong, Jen Nardini, Andrea Thorn, Charley Hallman, Cindy Taylor

RESA Representatives: Vita Lusk, Gary Puhl, Celeste Johnson, Theresa Franklin

Dates to Remember

<i>Next meeting: November 9, 2023</i>	<i>VIRTUAL meeting</i>
<i>January 11, 2024</i>	<i>VIRTUAL meeting</i>
<i>February 8, 2024</i>	<i>VIRTUAL meeting</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 Eileen Brandt and seconded by Michelle Muse-Worthy 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 minutes from the last meeting was emailed and posted to the website for members in advance. A motion was made by Eileen Brandt and seconded by Victoria Martinez to accept the minutes as noted. Motion supported by majority present. No objections were made.

Objections: _____

III. **Presentation**

How to Communicate & and Collaborate as a Member of an IEP Team

Beth Kohler

SEMS

<https://www.mikids1st.org>

Sherry Kull

Wayne CDRP

<https://wcdrc.org>

Please see the [PowerPoint](#) for details.

Below are the handouts that go with the PPT.

[Active Listening](#)

[Framing Questions](#)

[Improving Communication Tips](#)

[Listening Resources](#)

[Using Questions to Find Answers](#)

IV. **Chairperson Report**

October is [National Disability Employment Awareness Month!](#)

Livonia Park and Rec's AIR (Adaptive Inclusive Recreation) program is hosting inclusive events in October, November and December. Please see the flyers below for all the details.

[October's Ghoulish Gathering](#)

[November's Splash Bash](#)

[December's Holiday Party](#)

V. **Vice Chairperson Report**

If you have not received the link for the Google Drive, or if any of your contact information has changed, please contact Victoria Martinez.

VI. **Secretary Report**

If you need business cards, please contact Samara Wolf or Iesha Brassell. Please make sure you sign in at each meeting you attend, not just for minute purposes but also for year-end mileage reimbursement (only applies for in-person meetings).

VII. **Treasurer Report**

The account balance is \$1808.41.

VIII. **Subcommittee Reports**

[Subcommittee Sign Up - click here!](#)

Legislative Subcommittee

- ❖ Public School Employees Retirement Act
 - [HB 4752](#) – Governor signed this week.
 - allows an individual, after their bona fide termination of employment, to work at a reporting unit and still receive their retirement benefits if they have been retired at least six consecutive months or, if returning to a position sooner than six months, they earn less than \$15,100 in a calendar year.
- ❖ Guardianship Bill Package
 - [HB 4909](#), [4910](#), [4911](#), [4912](#) & [5047](#)
 - HB 4909-12 reforms MI's guardianship statutes
 - HB 5047 creates the Office of the State Guardian

These bills contain a LOT of information. And while guardianship is something that most people are aware of, there are alternatives to guardianship, such as supported decision-making. You will find information regarding [alternatives here](#). Here is a [link to The Arc Michigan](#) with additional information regarding guardianship and alternatives.

IX. RESA Reports

Celeste Johnson- Michigan Department of Education supports ISD's, LEA's, PSA provided with special education flexibility waivers, and allows certified teachers in areas such CI, EI, LD, and other severe multiple impairments in special education flexibility.

Substitute teachers are able to fill a teaching position, in order to obtain this position must have a bachelor's degree or alternate to become a Certified Teacher in Special Education, the teacher is only allowed to renew once.

X. Member Reports

Samara Wolf expressed gratitude for all coming together.

XI. Adjournment

A motion was made by Samara Wolf and seconded by Eileen Brandt to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m. Motion passed by majority present. No objections were made.

The next WCPAC meeting is scheduled **VIRTUALLY** for Thursday, November 9, 2023, at 6:30 p.m..