



**Wayne County Parent Advisory Committee**

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**MEETING MINUTES**  
January 11, 2024

**Call to Order**

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

**Members Present:** -

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| Angela Khater<br>Dearborn             | Jouhaina Bazzi<br>Dearborn       | Iesha Brassell<br>Dearborn Heights<br>District 7 | Elena Mirea<br>Garden City            | Jennifer Seal<br>Garden City |
| Rosalind Pope<br>Grosse Pointe        | Eileen Brandt<br>Lincoln Park    | Kara Clarke<br>Livonia                           | Michelle<br>DeJesus<br>Melvindale/NAP | Maria Warmuth<br>Northville  |
| Michelle Muse-<br>Worthy<br>Southgate | Bertrina Thomas<br>Detroit Merit | Bertrina Thomas<br>Detroit Merit                 | Laila Ismael<br>Hanley Intl'          | Samara Wolf<br>Taylor Prep   |

**Members Excused:** Melissa Richardson, Crystle Upshaw, Victoria Martinez

**Guests Present:** Joann Goree, Sharene Nathan, Shema Alhangari, Sandra Borgne, Tiffany Cousino, Suzie Roberts, Liz Biddle, Rodica Babut, Lora Boka, Maegan Sprow, Yvonne Anderson, Antoine Glenn, Ashley Van Tiem,

**RESA Representatives:** Vita Lusk, Gary Puhl, Dr. Jennifer Taiariol

***Dates to Remember***

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|-------------------------|------------------------|
| <i>February 8, 2024</i> | <i>Virtual Meeting</i> |
| <i>April 11, 2024</i>   | <i>Virtual Meeting</i> |
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**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 Jennifer Seal 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 Samara Wolf and seconded by Eileen Brandt to accept the minutes as noted. Motion supported by majority present. No objections were made.

Objections: \_\_\_\_\_

## III. **Presentation**

Navigating Transitions: Pre-K through High School  
Lora Boka & Dr. Katie Dodge  
Livonia Public Schools

[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1h1vbqtsCOO47IZjECQKvwl63Hs5ULo\\_e?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1h1vbqtsCOO47IZjECQKvwl63Hs5ULo_e?usp=sharing)

## IV. **Chairperson Report**

### **Michigan Alliance for Families IEP Course**

Michigan Alliance for Families is hosting a free virtual IEP course. I'll send a link but this is something that often comes up and could be a great course for many families.

<https://www.michiganallianceforfamilies.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/2024-02-IEPCourse.pdf>

### **Northville Parent Camp**

Northville is hosting its annual Parent Camp on Saturday, Feb 3. It's at Northville High School from 830a-2p and open to all parents (not just Northville). They have a variety of workshops, a wellness fair along with snacks and even door prizes. There is no cost!

<https://www.supportnef.org/parent-camp>

### **Night to Shine**

Night to Shine is being held on Friday, February 9th from 6p-930p. This event is free of charge, but the guests do need to register. It is being hosted by the 242 Community Church at their locations throughout the metro area. Please click on the link for more information:

<https://242community.com/our-events/night-to-shine/#:~:text=On%20Friday%2C%20February%209%2C%202024,the%20Tim%20Tebow%20foundation%20website.>

### **MiAble**

If you are not familiar with the MiAble disability savings program, here is your opportunity. They are offering a free webinar next Wed, Jan 17 at 6p.

[https://www.eventbrite.com/e/learn-about-the-mi-able-disability-savings-program-tickets-739578668707?aff=oddtcreator&fbclid=IwAR2dNSVjLTOSX5\\_Lht7BMNxvD\\_zDp\\_Zq0mZV2tTuCnFbbBdftMFR3c556D8](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/learn-about-the-mi-able-disability-savings-program-tickets-739578668707?aff=oddtcreator&fbclid=IwAR2dNSVjLTOSX5_Lht7BMNxvD_zDp_Zq0mZV2tTuCnFbbBdftMFR3c556D8)

### **Conferences**

Just a reminder that as an active member of the WCPAC, you are eligible to request to attend a conference and have expenses paid for by RESA. Keep in mind, as previously stated, you must have 3 months' notice for the request. All this information can be found in your member folder on the Google Drive.

So if you have not attended or submitted a request to attend a RESA sponsored conference, the START (Statewide Autism Resource & Training) conference is April 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Kellogg Center in Lansing.

### **START Conference**

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

### **MTSA**

And as a reminder, the MTSA conference is Feb 21-23 in Lansing and the MI CEC conference is Feb 28-March 1<sup>st</sup> in Grand Rapids. The links below have all the information.

MI CEC (MI Council for Exceptional Children)

<https://www.michigantsa.org/2024-mtsa-conference/>

### **The Michigan Developmental Disabilities Council (MiDDC) and the Self-Advocates of Michigan (SAM)**

The Michigan Developmental Disabilities Council (MiDDC) and the Self-Advocates of Michigan (SAM) are hosting *Voices in Action: Self-Advocacy Day*. The event will take place on Thursday, March 14 in Lansing.

This is for adults, age 18+ with developmental disabilities. This is a great time to meet your legislator and a great opportunity to network with other people with developmental disabilities from across the state. Space is limited. Registration is required.

<https://michigancec.org/events/84th-annual-michigan-council-exceptional-children-conference>

### **Voices in Action Self Advocacy Day in Lansing!**

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TPHW8X3>

For information on conference sponsorship for WCPAC members please [click here](#). And for the [application, click here](#).

### **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**

Special Recognition nominations are due by February 8, 2024.

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

### **IX. RESA Reports**

Gary Puhl: The second cohort for the Para to Teacher program is scheduled to begin, and additional information will be available in March. The Speech Guideline with Assistive Technology Consultants

has already been released. Angie Doker recently became the GSA with Wayne RESA. Currently, Wayne RESA is conducting interviews for Essential Consultants to ensure strict adherence to the guidelines. Updates to MARSE and IDEA rules are expected to be released in March; currently, they are in the legal review process for finalization.

**X. Member Reports**

None

**XI. Public Comments**

None

**XII. Adjournment**

A motion was made by Samara Wolf and seconded by Eileen Brandt to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 p.m. Motion passed by majority present. No objections were made.

The next WCPAC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 8, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. virtual.