



STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY PANEL MEETING
MINUTES – January, 9th 2025
Zoom Meeting

8:30 Vice Chair Deva McNiven called the meeting to order and led introductions.

Members Present: Mildred (Millie) Armstrong, Norah Barney, Deva McNiven, Theresa Baldry, Lisa Fant, Rebekah Serrine, Christina Petersen, Christa Gabriel, Cindy Galbavy, Travis Andersen, Lucy Galarus.

Members Not Present: Chad Berg, Vena Dagnall, Dr. Jennifer Schoffer Closson

Staff Present: Ty House, Lucy Beltz, Kimber Emmons, Kristie Sears, Danni McCarthy, Patrick Cates

Public Present: Heidi Gibson from MEC

Danni McCarthy altered the agenda: there will be no discussion of indicator 13, 4, or 10 and the new superintendent will speak at 9:00.

Approve the Proposed Agenda— (Action Item)

Proposed: Nora Barney

2nd: Theresa Baldry

Approved: Yes

Review/Approve Minutes of September Meeting (Action Item)

Proposed: Theresa Baldry

2nd: Millie Armstrong

Approved: Yes

9:00 – A call for Public Comment was made

Patrick Cates introduced the new Superintendent, Susan Hedalen, to the Panel members.

Danni McCarthy, reviewed the purpose of Special Education Advisory Panel.

Danni McCarthy offered to have OPI pay the registration fees for Panel members to attend MCEC.

Therera Baldry asked for a recorded comment, Lucy Galarus is introducing a bill on disability education, congratulations and thank you. Lucy's bill addresses disability rights and culture being included in High School history classes.

Panel reviewed accuracy of names & positions.

Rachel Wilkinson led a discussion about SPP/APR Indicators.

*A copy of the Power Point presentation is at the end of these minutes.

Indicator 3 and the new baseline and new assessment targets were discussed.

Indicator 6C and the need to set a baseline was discussed.

Danni McCarthy was asked by Panel members to give her opinion of the options presented for indicator 6C.

Indicator 8 was discussed.

Increasing survey participation was discussed.

10:30 Break

Indicator 18 was discussed.

Rachel Wilkinson thanked the Panel for their valuable input and feedback on the discussed indicators.

Kattie Mattingley, OPI Autism Support Specialist, discussed the MT Autism Education Project (MAEP)

Patrick Cates discussed updates to the OPI Para Pathways Project.

12:05 – 12:35 Lunch

Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM – Alt Assessment) was reviewed and discussed by the Panel.

Danni McCarthy led a review of the Advisory Panel Bylaws.

The Panel discussed potential changes to the By-Laws. Notes regarding changes will be compiled and sent to Panel members for review prior to the next Panel meeting where a potential vote on changes will take place.

The Panel discussed the goal and make-up of their work groups prior to breaking out into groups. Current groups are:

- Student Advocacy Group
- Graduation Advocacy Group
- Autism Interventions and Supports

2:00-3:00 Panel Members broke out into virtual work groups

3:00 Panel members regrouped to share their particular areas of discussion and focus during the break out.

Desired topics for the March meeting agenda were discussed.

Adjourn

Proposed: Rebehah Serrine

2nd: Travis Andersen

Approved: Yes

3:30 Adjourn



Revisions to Indicator
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