



Wayne County Parent Advisory Committee

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MEETING MINUTES

May 14, 2026

Call to Order

Angela Khater called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m. A quorum of members were present.

Members' Present: -

Angela Khater – Dearborn	Lisa-Marie Bailey-Wayne-Westland	Jessica Owulette-Plymouth Scholars	Melissa Richardson- Allen Park	Megan Arabucki-Woodhaven
Amie Conrad-Allen Park	Lateesha Curry-Detroit Academy of Arts and Sciences	Sandy Borgne-Lincoln Park	Kara Clarke-Livonia	Heather Hogg-Northville
Jessica Gallina-PCCS	Samara Wolf-Taylor Public	Tenisha Williams-Westwood	Gloria Gonzalez-Woodhaven/Brownstown	Ashley Johnson-PCCS
Bertina Thomas-Detroit Merit Academy				

Members Excused: Mande Ordaz-Northville

Guests Present: Mariam Philips- Plymouth Canton, Mary Sunisloe- Wayne-Westland, Jennifer Bugar-Northville

RESA Representatives: Beth Santer, Celeste Johnson, Theresa Franklin

Dates to Remember

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<i>In-person meeting</i>	<i>September 10th 2026</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 Samara Wolf and seconded by Kara Clarke 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 April meeting was emailed and posted to the website for members in advance. Approval of minutes first motion LaTeehsa Curry and second motion Tenisha Williams.

Objections: _____

III. Presentation

Hadley Bugar- 2021 graduate of Northville High School. She is very creative and loves to write. Shes very involved in the disability community. She wrote a book called A Friend Like Lucy. Its a story about friendship, not a story about a disability. She is here to talk about how parents can support their children through school with a disability and while developing a disability while in school as well. Disabled is not a dirty word. She grew up with a diverse exposure to fold in her community with a variety of physical, mental and cognitive disabilities. We don't all look, sound or communicate the same way. "Normal" is a fallacy. The stigma has posed a significant challenge to both my medical care and educational accommodations. The biggest thing that failed in supporting her was the lack of resources needed.

How can you support your loved one?

Diversify your media intake. Educate yourself, stay up to date. Be their best ally and advocate.

Combat stigma! Foster community both within and outside your family. Be an attention protector against abuse.

Educate yourself– don't be afraid to independently look into clinical literature. Combatting stigma. Recognizing and reflecting on your own biases matters so much more than you realize. Ableism is a form of discrimination. The false idea that disabled people are by default, inferior. Instead of saying "wheelchair-bound" say "wheelchair user". A wheelchair isn't a limitation, its freedom, independence, and mobility. Teach friends and family members how to interact with individuals mobility aids with respect is essential. Just as important, modeling respectful communication towards disabled folk.

Disability and abuse: Understanding risk and warning signs. Look for signs, be aware of any out of character behaviors. Know the signs so you know what is going on. Sudden unusual changes, emotionally or behaviorally (ie, eating, sleeping, bathroom habits). Isolation from caregivers.

Frida Kahlo, Clara Woods, Miss Jacqui, Huang Guofu, Gaelynn, Izzy Wheels, Deaf West End and disability on stage. SO many movies that are fantastic (Out of my mind, Peanut butter Falcon, Coda, Crip Camp, etc) that are all disabled individuals who are involved in art, etc. to represent those with disabilities.

There is so much she doesnt see dispersed and its just a connection thing, and its so exciting to see the small bubbles disperse to big ones.

You seem like you have done so much at your age. What are some goals you have for yourself over the next five to 10 years? She wants to keep writing, and continue. Her disability makes it hard for her to get her ADL's done but as much as her energy she can contribute to making change in her local community that she can, that is where she is hoping to be.

Inclusive media would be best for all children. Introduce them as early as possible. Board books etc, so that children can get use to other children with disabilities. Overlap these kids in play, so that they

can create a community that is intermeshed and making accessibility the major baseline so that kids do not see anything different.

You can purchase her book at stirredstories.com "A Friend Like Lucy"

IV. Chairperson Report

Please review the Member Folder on Google Drive. Remind app classrooms for WCPAC are @wcpacmem for WCPAC members and @wcpacmtg for the general public.

V. Chair Elect Report

Check roster in the member folder for accuracy. The board will look at it over the summer to make sure its right. If yo know someone that attends a district or public academy and does not have a rep please consider asking them about appraoching their district or PSA about it.

VI. Secretary Report

Melissa Richardson mentioned that business cards can be ordered by contacting Melissa. Also to make sure you are signing the google form when we are virtual.

VII. Treasurer Report

The account balance is \$1808.40.

VIII. Subcommittee Reports

Nomination Subcommittee

Samara Wolf is talking about nominations for the executive board. She is asking if there are any nominations for the floor. No one stated they had any nominations. She is going to present a motion to do a digital vote as we have one position that has two nominations and need to vote on this. Tenisha Williams first and Lateesha Curry second. We have one nomination for Chair, Lisa-Marie Bailey, we have two for co-chair who is Megan Arabucki, and Jessica Owulette. We have one nomination for Secretary, Melissa Richardson and one for treasurer, Heather Hogg. Voting will be for one hour and the link was provided in the chat.

New Executive Board

Chair-Lisa-Marie Bailey

Chair-Elect- Meghan Arabucki

Secretary- Melissa Richardson

Treasurer- Heather Hogg

IX. RESA Reports

RESA report given by Beth Santer.

Beth Santer gave a shoutout to our board that has served this year and for those members leaving the board but still will be involved with the PAC. Its so important to have parent involvement in PAC. Hadley was a very good example why its so important to be plugged into this community. We know

you all have children with disabilities and hav a busy life and we know to serve on the board is a pull on time and we appreciate the board.

RESA report we are going fast to go slow. We support local districts and there are a lot of things that are coming fast and furious. Our list of summer work is growing also. Its our opportunity when our districts are off to get some things done before the staff comes back. LRE work continues as well as booking everything we need already for next years professional developments. Celeste and Theresa are already taking care of that for professional deveopements that are going to happen next Februray. It takes a lot to do that.

X. Member Report

No member reports

XI. Public Reports

No public reports

XII. Adjournment

A motion was made by Samara and seconded by Taneesha Williams to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 p.m. Motion passed by majority present. No objections were made.

The next WCPAC meeting is scheduled in person September 10th 6:30 PM