



Wayne County Parent Advisory Committee

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MEETING MINUTES
February 13, 2025

Call to Order

Celester Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

Members Present: -

Melissa Richardson Allen Park	Angela Khater Dearborn	Samara Wolf Garden City	Crystle Upshaw Lincoln Park	Melissa Adcock Flat Rock
Sandy Borgne Lincoln Park	Megan Arabucki Woodhaven/Btwn	LeTeesha Curry Det Academy Arts & Sciences	Lisa-Marie Bailey Wayne/Westland	Mandee Ordaz Northville

Members Excused: Kara Clarke

Guests Present: Jessica Owulette

RESA Representatives: Vita Lusk, Celeste Johnson, Theresa Franklin, Kim Krug

Dates to Remember

<i>March 2025</i>	<i>No Meeting</i>
<i>April 10, 2025 Regular Meeting</i>	<i>6:30pm VIRTUAL link will be forthcoming</i>
<i>April 17, 2025 Special Recognition</i>	<i>6:30pm VIRTUAL link will be forthcoming</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. There was not a quorum. As a result, a motion to accept the February agenda will be made at the next regularly scheduled meeting in April of 2025.

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. There was not a quorum. As a result, a motion to accept the January minutes will be made at the next regularly scheduled meeting in April of 2025

Objections: _____

III. Presentation

Theresa Franklin, Special Education Consultant, Wayne RESA

Topic: Becoming a Surrogate Parent

The PowerPoint can be accessed here: [WCPAC February PowerPoint](#)

Kim Krug, Special Education Consultant, Wayne RESA

Topic: Statewide Autism Resources and Training (START).

Wayne RESA has had a strong partnership with START for many years.

24th Annual START Conference

April 28, 2025 8:30am - 3:30pm Lansing, MI

Family Cost to Register \$76. Family scholarships are available.

MCEC - awards available

- \$250 Campership Award through MCEC: Camperships:
https://michigancec.org/michigan-cec-awards/camperships?_gl=1%2A10d1ud4%2A_gcl_au%2AODEwNzMzNjA5LjE3MzY5NzAxMDA.%2A_ga%2AODczMTQ5NDxLjE3MjIxMTM2MTU.%2A_ga_L4ZFTNESGT%2AMTczOTQ5MTU3NC4xMi4xLjE3Mzk0OTE1ODAuNTQuMC4w%2A_ga_Y45Y2NWG3S%2AMTczOTQ5MTU3NC40LjEuMTczOTQ5MTU4MC41NC4wLjA.
- \$1500 for Post-secondary age students
<https://michigancec.org/michigan-cec-awards/mcec-scholarships>

IV. Chairperson Report

As a reminder, during the January meeting it was suggested and agreed upon by members that the WCPAC temporarily transfer the EB responsibility to Wayne RESA. During the May meeting the WCPAC will hold elections which will allow the new EB to work with RESA over the summer to learn their new roles and responsibilities. This will help strengthen the WCPAC overall.

Upcoming Conferences

MI Council for Exceptional Children (CEC)

February 26-February 28, 2025

Amway Grand Plaza Hotel in Grand Rapids

<https://michigancec.org/events/85th-annual-michigan-council-exceptional-children-conference>

Michigan Transition Services Association (MTSA)

March 10-12, 2025

Lansing Center in Lansing

<https://mtsa.regfox.com/2025-mtsa-annual-conference>

Statewide Autism Resources & Training (START)

April 28, 2025, 830a-330p

Lansing Center in Lansing

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

If you are aware of a conference that would be beneficial to families of students receiving special education support, please feel free to share that information! Feel free to email Vita, Celeste, or Theresa.

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 Vita, Celeste, or Theresa.

VI. Secretary Report

If you need business cards, please contact Vita, Celeste, or Theresa. 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 \$1,808.40.

VIII. Subcommittee Reports

We need your help!

Please read the subcommittee description (found in the member folder on the Google Drive or by clicking [here](#)) and consider signing up! [Subcommittee Sign Up - click here!](#)

Special Recognition Subcommittee

Special Recognition is being held on Thursday, April 17th at 6:30 pm via Zoom.

IX. RESA Reports

Parent Focus Group -


The Michigan Department of Education Office of Special Education spent time in districts, and met with the WCPAC members during the week of January 27, 2025 through 31, 2025. Twenty seven (27) districts were visited and over 200 educators were interviewed. MDE’s preliminary report outlined celebrations and challenges and our plan to improve student outcomes.

The State Board of Education showcases a program and/or student at each meeting. OSE is presenting their FAPE in the LRE Capacity Building Activity and Improvement Effort at the April 8, 2025 meeting. OSE was very impressed with the co-teaching model being implemented within Dearborn Public Schools, and the general education co-teaching coaches who assist in implementation fidelity. An invitation has been extended to Dearborn Public School to showcase their co-teaching model. We are very proud to have Dearborn recognized for their commitment to students.

X. Member Report

Angela Khater shared information about the following resource:

[MiPAAC Michigan Parent, Advocate & Attorney Coalition](#)

 MiPAAC - 2024 overview.pdf

XI. Public Reports

None.

XII. Adjournment

Meeting at 7:33 p.m.

The next WCPAC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 13, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. This meeting will be virtual.