



Wayne County Parent Advisory Committee

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MEETING MINUTES
 October 10, 2024

Call to Order

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

Members Present: -

Angela Khater Dearborn	Sharene Nathan Detroit	Lindsay Ivan Huron	Sandy Borgne Lincoln Park	Crystle Upshaw Lincoln Park
Kara Clarke Livonia	Tymesha Bland Romulus	Lisa-Marie Bailey Wayne/Westland	Gloria Gonzalez Woodhaven/Btwn	LeTeesha Curry Detroit Academy of Arts & Sciences
Bertrina Thomas Detroit Merit	Jamille Edwards George Washington Carver Acad.	Laila Ismael Hanley	Sabrina Day Quest	

Members Excused: Stacey Johnson

Guests Present: Emily Garcia, Tracee Winston, Dara Wilson, Christina Glenn, Rachel Prevatt, Jen Nardini, Mande Ordaz, Darlene Heard-Thomas

RESA Representatives: Vita Lusk, Celeste Johnson

Dates to Remember

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<i>November 14, 2024</i>	<i>Dinner Meeting @ RESA</i>
<i>December, 2024</i>	<i>No 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 Sabrina Day and seconded by Lisa-Marie Bailey 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 Jamille Edwards and seconded by Sharene Nathan to accept the minutes as noted. Motion supported by majority present. No objections were made.

Objections: _____

III. Presentation

Reminders:

As a WCPAC representative:

You are encouraged to network and develop relationships, share resources in your community, and learn from one another and during meeting presentations.

While some members may serve as advocates in a separate capacity, the WCPAC is not an advocacy group. PAC Representatives represent their LEA or PAS, not Wayne RESA.

If you have any concerns or issues about a specific student or district, please contact Vita, Celeste, or any member of the executive board outside of the meetings.

Voting Rights for People with Disabilities

Rachel Prevatt, Voter Engagement Specialist

Disability Rights Michigan (DRM)

<https://www.drmich.org>

Voting resources:

<https://www.drmich.org/resources/voting-resources/>

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1jvz2yXh2OFOLVBmFs8obX5xnCQXyKq7f/view?usp=share_link

Who can vote in MI?

To vote in Michigan, you must be:

- A Michigan resident (at the time you register) and a resident of your city or township for at least 30 days (when you vote).
- A United States citizen
- At least 18 years old (when you vote)
- Not currently serving a sentence in jail or prison.

If you meet these requirements, you can still choose to vote even if:

- You have a legal guardian
- You are voluntarily or involuntarily admitted to a psychiatric hospital (must request absentee ballot)
- You have state identification but are not yet registered to vote
- You are registered to vote but do not have state identification with you at your polling place on election day.
- You are in jail awaiting trial
- You are on parole and/or have a history of felony convictions.

Michigan does NOT restrict the right to vote based on disability.

Know your rights: Voting Accessibility

- You have the right to cast a private and independent vote.
- You have the right to vote in person at your assigned polling place, regardless of your accommodation needs.
- You have the right to use an accessible Voter Assist Terminal (VAT) at your polling place.
- You have the right to accommodation without disclosing details of your disability.
- You have the right to vote by mail.
- You have the right to reasonable accommodations, including a place to sit and assistance with understanding and using the VAT.
- You have the right to assistance from an election official or the person of your choosing (cannot be your employer, an agent of your employer or an agent/officer of your labor union).
- You have the right to contact DRM if anyone interferes with your right to vote, even your guardian, parents, or caregivers.

Election Protection Hotlines

English: 866-OUR-VOTE (866-687-8683)

Spanish/English: 888-VE-Y-VOTA (888-839-8682)

Asian Languages/English: 888-API-VOTE (888-274-8683)

Arabic/English: 844-YALLA-US (844-925-5287)

IV. Chairperson Report

Did you know?? October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month - theme Access to Good Jobs for All

The Dept of Labor is hosting a virtual event on October 24th at 2pm. Use the following link for details:

https://www.dol.gov/agencies/odep/NDEAM2024Event?fbclid=IwY2xjawFzx4xleHRuA2FibQIxMAABHRoR_o_Vla9PiBm9K5VDmp-mf-w_YPROhApEtLAFhNXzp9tyBhFjHPWUuw_aem_OOgHweVBDAPtXLF5E1k6Gg

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>

Statewide Autism Resources & Training (START)

April 28, 2025, 830a-330p

Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center in Lansing

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

If you come across a conference that would be beneficial to families of students receiving special education supports, please feel free to share that information! You can let any of the EB know and/or send an email to Vita or Celeste.

And in the community:

Livonia's AIR program is offering a FREE event on November 16th. See flyer for all the details

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1yqj2_1Bqxuk2Bp1wX0lbaKrLI8Jl3kKS/view?usp=sharing

The Arc Northwest Wayne County is hosting a lunch & learn on October 16th. See flyer for details. https://drive.google.com/file/d/15Fy_a2s-rqEVs1WTAVwEgYRo0J4gunBZ/view?usp=sharing

The Downriver Community Transition Council is hosting a resource expo on October 24th. See flyer for details. https://drive.google.com/file/d/1PQTUKSeoaRzK_HCdiIbP0_zOJMryxUOK/view?usp=sharing

An email went out on the listserv earlier this month with a Google form. We are working on planning the rest of the year and need your input. It should take 2 minutes (or less) to complete. Please do so by clicking on the link below: <https://forms.gle/iAjkkH2Xnqg1jQsp8>

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 Angela Khater or Sharene Nathan.

VI. Secretary Report

If you need business cards, please contact Sabrina Day. 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) and consider signing up!

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

IX. RESA Reports

Celeste Johnson

Professional Development for Transportation Staff Special Saturday

Wayne RESAs Transportation and Special Education department collaborated to provide Bus Drivers with a full day of Professional Development. This event occurs every other year.

It is an all-day FREE training for our county transportation staff who transport our students who have IEPs and who may have additional needs.

Twenty guest speakers presented on topics to support critical skills such as empathy, self-awareness, behavior management, and communication.

A few additional topics included:

- Bus Evacuation
- PBIS on the Bus for all students
- AAC on the Bus
- De-escalation and Preventative Strategies

We had 400 transportation providers attend from Wayne County; We also had about 20 registrants from Oakland and Monroe County attend as well.

We'd like to give a special shout-out to the Lincoln Park Public School District for hosting this event again, and a very special thank you to the administration, IT, building services, and kitchen staff for being on-site to support this event. LPPS had approximately 15 staff on-site to support this event.

Professional Development for Staff

Consultants have been providing Professional Development around the county on LRE, 504, safety, teaching practices and much more. This is in addition to dozens of PDs which are offered throughout the year on various topics.

Currently, a number of WRESA consultants, district leadership and PBIS coaches are in Chicago at the national PBIS conference, either presenting and/or gathering new ideas to support ALL students.

Addressing the Critical Shortage:

The SEEIS department has a new partnership with EMU to create a master's program for GE and SE teachers to receive an endorsement in POHI to teach in POHI and SXI classrooms.

We have partnered with a child psychiatrist to provide free consultation services to Wayne County staff to support all children. There are weekly office hours for staff to sign up and meet with this child psychiatrist to brainstorm ways to support students and/or provide resources to parents.

Additionally, we have partnered with a company to provide psycho-educational evaluations to help with the critical shortage of school psychologists

X. Member Report

Recapped the WCPAC representative role to answer a member's question asking for clarification. (see Reminders under Presentation, section III above).

XI. Public Reports

None.

XII. Adjournment

A motion was made by Sharene Nathan and seconded by Tymesha Bland to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 p.m. Motion passed by majority present. No objections were made.

***The next WCPAC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 14, 2024
at 6:00 p.m., meeting at Wayne RESA.***