



Special Education Parent Advisory Committee February 16, 2022 Minutes

Present: Greg Molenda, Leanne Minshall, Crystal Cutler, Ann Green, Jennifer Pace, Brian Hagler, Cathy Blatnik, Brandy Tinkey, Shelby Hicks, Melissa Buck, Melissa Stuard

Absent: Michele Brock, Latina McCausey

Meeting called to order at 6:31 pm

- I. Welcome & Introductions
 - a. New Holt Representative, Melissa Buck, introduced
- II. Minutes from January 19, 2022 meeting were reviewed and approved. Brian Hagler moved. Brandy Tinkey seconded.
- III. Administrative Reports
 - a. Greg Molenda, Ingham ISD Director, Technical Assistance and ASD Programs
 - i. Looking at the data and how to best support our districts. Drafting a document to send to Superintendents. Will want to get information and input from local Special Ed Directors.
 - ii. ISD plan still being reviewed at MDE
 - b. Melissa Stuard, Holt Special Education Director – Working on creative programming solutions for students due to COVID recovery and staff shortages. Partnering with MSU on new ways to support students. Working to support new staff. There has been significant staff turnover due to retirements. Using a coaching model with a special education coach to help new staff.
- IV. Action Items
 - a. Deviations and Waivers – None
- V. Business Meeting
 - i. PAC Goals Discussion
 1. Final Review of Purpose. Ann shared the final draft for feedback. It looks good to move forward.
 2. Are we having the impact and outreach that we want? We currently put on three main events each year. Members shared positive feedback about the events. The events provide helpful information for families who attend. One difficulty is getting information out to families about events since we no longer have the ISD listserv that used to be used. Districts used to provide families' email addresses to the ISD, but this was discontinued due to privacy concerns. Could representatives talk to their Special Ed Directors to see if the representatives themselves could contact families through email, without the representative having access to the email address? Some districts send information out in a weekly email from the Superintendent. Some PAC reps send a weekly update to their Director who sends it out to families.
 - ii. 2021-2022 Events

1. Transition Career Expo: March 4, 2022. Virtual Tour of Lansing Community College-West. Information was sent to districts this week. Have heard back from two districts so far about who is coming. Deadline is February 25.

Next meeting March 16, 2022 at 6:30 pm.

Meeting ended 7:15 pm