



Special Education Parent Advisory Committee February 19, 2025, Minutes

Present:

PAC Representatives: Brian Hagler (Lansing), Jennifer Pace (East Lansing), Cathy Blatnik (Okemos), Latina McCausey (Waverly), Melanie Miller (visitor)

ISD Staff: Greg Molenda, Rhiannon Schindewolf-DeShais, Crystal Cutler (missing).

Meeting called to order at 6:32 p.m. by Brian.

- I. Minutes from January 15, 2025, meeting was reviewed. Jen made a motion to approve, and Latina seconded. All approved.
- II. Administrative Reports:
 - a. Greg Molenda, Ingham ISD Director, Technical Assistance and ASD
Action Items: No Deviations or Waivers.

III. Business Meeting

Kristin Dillon sent an e-mail to the ISD. She is based in the metro-Detroit area and serves as a parent advisor/advocate for the disability community in Oakland County. Finding disparities regarding services for students with special needs in their area, “activity deserts.” She is conducting research on a national level to establish a baseline, as well as identifying leadership in this space. The e-mail was forwarded to Cathy who will respond/review.

There is an organization (Certain Hope Community) that would like to expand into Lansing. **They are Faith-Based, but not Faith Centered.** They have an event in March at the Edru Roller Skating in Holt. Should we promote on our FB page?? Waiting to hear back from Crystal as to whether we can post/promote on our FB page.

We need to discuss the PAC Fall Funfest at our April Meeting!

IV. New Business

A decision on who will be the new Special Education Director will be made in the next couple of weeks.

Meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Next PAC Meeting is April 16, 2025 – 6:30 p.m.