



## Special Education Parent Advisory Committee September 15, 2021 Minutes

**Present:** Greg Molenda, Leanne Minshall, Ann Green, Melissa Boelter, Jennifer Pace, Brian Hagler, Cathy Blatnik, Brandy Tinkey, Alana Anderson

**Absent:** Michele Brock, Shelby Hicks

Meeting called to order at order at 6:31 pm

- I. Welcome & Introductions
- II. Minutes from May 19, 2021 meeting were reviewed and approved. Brian moved. Cathy seconded.
- III. Administrative Reports
  - a. Greg Molenda, Ingham ISD Director, Technical Assistance and ASD Programs
    - i. Shared a document that he created about parent communication in the IEP process. Recognizing that kids are all in different places after virtual learning and many parents would have concerns, he wanted to put together information for school staff about parent communication and parent input in the IEP process. No current federal guidance. Importance of parent-school relationship developed throughout the year, not just during the IEP. Also working on a parent communication survey for classrooms that parents can fill out to say how they would like to communicate with the schools throughout the year.
- IV. Action Items
  - a. Deviations and Waivers – Nothing new. ISD plan still going through vetting process at MDE.
- V. Business Meeting
  - a. Special Ed Director participation at upcoming meetings. Greg will bring up at the next Directors meeting to start getting Directors on the calendar for PAC meetings.
  - b. Plan for follow-up IEP survey – will finish up the survey and send it to the Directors. Will work with each district to see if we can send directly to staff.
  - c. 2021-2022 Events
    - i. Fall Fun Fest report out: busy day, had some Community Partners not show up. WKAR was a big hit. Having many student volunteers made set-up and clean-up quick. Will donate the unused Art Ability bags to Heartwood or other ISD programs.
    - ii. Transition Expo: November 6, 2021, Wilson Talent Center – no update. Some uncertainly about whether the event will still happen.
  - d. Time for general questions from new PAC Representative
    - i. Leanne emails meeting agendas and zoom links before each meeting
    - ii. Annual events that we have done in the past include Fall Fun Fest, Transition Expo, Transition College Expo and Transition Career Expo

Next meeting October 20, 2021 at 6:30 pm.

Meeting ended 7:09 pm