



Special Education Parent Advisory Committee November 16, 2022 Minutes

Present:

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

ISD Staff: Crystal Cutler, Greg Molenda, Rhiannon Schindewolf-DeShais

Guests: Jim Polasek (Haslett Special Education Director), Tara Lisk (parent Okemos district)

Absent: Brandy Tinkey (Leslie)

Meeting called to order at 6:32pm

- A. Welcome & Introductions
- B. Minutes from October 19, 2022 meeting were reviewed and approved. Cathy moved. Latina seconded.
- C. Administrative Reports –
 - a. Crystal Cutler, Ingham ISD Executive Director, Student Support Services
 1. Put in a proposal for a bid for a Special Education management system. Currently 5 different systems are used within the ISD. Looking for a product that would fit all school district needs. This would benefit children who move between districts so they would be in the same system. It would also provide ease of training. The bids received will be opened Friday. A committee will look at all the systems and we will potentially move to one county wide system.
 2. Looking at redoing our ISD plan which has not been redone and accepted by the State since 2011. Currently trying to connect with a consultant at the State.
 - b. Greg Molenda, Ingham ISD Director, Technical Assistance and ASD Programs
 1. Monitoring report coming up in December. One of the metrics we are looking at is the 1% cap for students accessing the alternate assessment. Will give each district their stats for the percentage and number of students they have.
 2. Pushing for more info for districts to use personal curriculum for students. Graduation rate for students who receive special education services in the state is 65%. Those who received special education with a personal curriculum is 85%. Sharing with districts the number of personal curriculums they had last year and their graduation rates for general ed and special ed.
 3. Will also share any required actions and professional development opportunities with districts.

c. Jim Polasek, Haslett Special Education Director

1. Very interested in the new management system. Haslett currently uses Illuminate. Looking forward to what the county system will be. Supporter of personal curriculum. Gives a lot of room for movement for kids with special needs.

D. Action Items – none

E. Business Meeting

1. 2022-2023 Events

- a. Transition Expo Review
- b. Had a good turnout. Vendors were wonderful. They shared great info.
- c. Shared ideas on how we can improve the event for next time. Hold the event in the spring so it is closer to transition time. Possibly hold it in conjunction with the College Expo at Lansing Community College. LCC is easier to find and more accessible. Possibly hold it on a weeknight instead of a Saturday in hopes of getting more people there. Jim shared that when he worked in Kent County they moved their event from Saturday to weekday evening and got a higher turnout. They also offered a morning session for those people who work in the evenings and had a good turnout for both morning and evening.
- d. Discussed benefits of possibly coordinating with other PACs from Clinton and Eaton counties on events. Most Community Partners that we work with serve all three counties. Partnering could help offset the workload. Crystal will reach out to the Clinton and Eaton County Directors to get the PAC chair names to talk about possible joint events beginning with the Fall Fun Fest.
- e. Career and College Expo: no information yet

Next meeting Wednesday, January 18, 2023 at 6:30 pm.

Meeting ended 7:08pm