



DRAFT--Special Education Parent Advisory Committee—DRAFT
January 17, 2024 Minutes

Present:

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

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

Meeting called to order at 6:34 p.m. by Brian.

- I. Welcome – there was no PAC Meeting in November.
- II. Minutes from October 18, 2023, meeting was reviewed. Jen made a motion to approve, and Latina seconded.
- III. Administrative Reports
 - a. Crystal Cutler, Executive Director, Student Support Services/Special Education, Ingham ISD
 - i. Beekman in Lansing will be under the Ingham ISD. There was a meeting with the staff of Beekman, and they are looking for a Principal (job was posted today). Working on staffing. Equine Learning Center will be staying at Beekman; not sure about Special Olympics. Ingham ISD – waiting to hear whether they will buy or rent the building where Beekman was housed.
 - b. Greg Molenda, Ingham ISD Director, Technical Assistance and ASD
 - i. Greg talked about 2023 IEP statistics. State complaints are down and they are seeing improvements in the IEP Process. More Professional Development is being provided. Dean Transportation currently has a shortage of drivers.
- IV. Action Items
 - i. No waivers.
 - ii. One deviation: One waiver at Heartwood. Certification CI/ASD. Crystal is working on the waiver.
- V. Business Meeting
 - i. Transition Expo – March 13, 2024 – North Star School – Gymnasium (after school from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.). Currently 19 partners, working on securing speakers. Brian mentioned MiABLE and Children of Special Needs Fund might be good speakers. Brian will give Rhia info.

- ii. LCC West – Transition College to Career Tour – March 15 – time is 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Lunch is provided (ISD’s agreed to pay LCC for catering for box lunches or pizza). Districts responsible for transportation. Limit of 100 and registration is required. This event is aimed at 11th graders (Juniors) with an IEP or 504 Plan.

- iii. Fall Fun Fest 2024 – September 15, 2024 – 11 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Location: Potter Park Zoo, Lansing – Tiger Den Pavilion. Potter Park Zoo has their “Red Panda Celebration,” the same day, so they won’t have a table, but they will have a table inside the Zoo and there will be a Scavenger Hunt where kids can look for pieces to complete a Red Panda mask and there will be conservation stations.

- iv. PAC Winter Newsletter. Ready to go, just waiting for Public Relations to give the “green light.”

Meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Next PAC Meeting is March 20, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.