

Special Education Advisory Panel

Executive Committee Draft Meeting Minutes

Meeting Place: Microsoft Teams platform (Virtual Meeting)

Date: Thursday, August 24, 2023, 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Present: Rene, Katie, Jacqui, Teagen, Scarlett AOE- Meg Porcella, Ana Russo

Agenda:

| 4:30-4:35 | Call to Order, Review Agenda/Changes, Approve Any Outstanding Minutes |
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| 4:35-4:40 | Welcome and Updates from the Chair |
| 4:40-4:45 | Public Comment |
| 4:45-5:15 | Beginning of Year Conversations/Review |
| 5:15-5:45 | September Agenda Planning |
| 5:45-6:20 | Strategic Planning for 2023-2034 |
| 6:20-6:30 | Public Comment |
| 6:30 | Adjourn |

Call to Order, Review Agenda/Changes, Approve Any Outstanding Minute:

- No quorum. Ana here until 5:15 for planning our timeline SPP/APR.
- ACTION: Scarlett motion to move Ana to front of Agenda/Rene second. All approved. We got April and July minutes are done.
- ACTION: Rene motion to approve April and July minutes/Jacqui seconds. All approved.

Welcome and Updates from the Chair:

- Welcome to the official school year welcome to Rene.
- Dawn can no longer stay on the panel. Will need election to fill vice-chair vacancy.
- Dana has a new project not resigning but will not be able to produce report for September meeting.

Public Comment:

No one present.

Beginning of Year Conversations/Review:

- State Director or designee to discuss OSEP Determination letter.
- Build off of last meeting and identify indicators that we want to prioritize or focus on
- Compliance indicators: 4, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 lead to OSEP Determinations;
 Panel did not weigh in on Target OSEP sets Target.
- Ana went through indicators for EC to determine which to select for September meeting.
- Drop out indicator we met target, but too close may want to explore further.
- Indicator 8 dropped from participation and percentage.
- Indicator 13 Transition: 61% did not meet target. Focus of Panel in 23-24. AOE open to brainstorming and conversation on this one. John Spinney/Tristan McNamara.
- Also need to recognize the progress over three years gone from 10% over 60%.
- Did not meet Child Find and Indicator 11 relates to Unmet Needs work,
- Overview and then a deep dive on what EC determines to be critical for deep dive, such as 11, 12, 13.
- Teagen would like to know indicator data.
- Rene brought up participation rates in assessment as something to unpack.
- Panel conversations will lead the direction to what we want to focus on.
- Wait on conversations with AOE partnerships until new AOE State Director in place.
- Secretary Search underway 8 weeks.
- Positive collaboration with Panel and State Board interested in any feedback we give on priorities and Unmet Needs. Focus is Rule 2200 series – ties in with our work on Independent Schools.
- Beginning of the year no repeat training, but number of requests of basic special ed law – Rachel and Jacqui – and Kat P will help with conversations on consensus building.

September Agenda Planning:

- Jacqui needs Critical Shortage draft which Katie will get so Jacqui can finish for the In-person September meeting.
- Most is the Kat/ Jacqui/Rachel training on basics of special educat3ion law, OSEP Determinations, and wrap of the work groups.
- Working lunch with work groups.
- Interim Secretary invited to share priorities.
- Rachel will share brief SWOT and check in what worked and what did not to help with strategic planning and moving back to active conversations.
- Election for vice chair and parent rep need to occur.



- Recognizing accomplishments from previous year.
- EC can debrief after this meeting with all new and returning members.

Strategic Planning for 2023-2034:

- Build off of the calendar from the last few years and set up a calendar of musts and wants.
- Ensure work does not fall on 1-2 people; identify who can do what so does not fall on one person.
- Indicators will drive focus for Panel and/or EC.
- If transition grant awarded, Panel will have a role.
- Jacqui will give Katie some names for IHE potential representatives.

Public Comment:

No one present.

Adjourn:

Meeting adjourn 6:21.

Meeting Schedule (hold the dates):

September 28, 2023 4:30 p.m. - 6:35 p.m. Executive Council (Virtual meeting)

October 26, 2023 4:30 p.m. - 6:35 p.m. Executive Council (Virtual meeting)

November 30, 2023 4:30 p.m. - 6:35 p.m. Executive Council (Virtual meeting)

December 21, 2023 4:30 p.m. - 6:35 p.m. Executive Council (Virtual meeting)

January 25, 2024 4:30 p.m. - 6:35 p.m. Executive Council (Virtual meeting)

February 22, 2024 4:30 p.m. - 6:35 p.m. Executive Council (Virtual meeting)

March 28, 2024 4:30 p.m. - 6:35 p.m. Executive Council (Virtual meeting)

April 25, 2024 4:30 p.m. - 6:35 p.m. Executive Council (Virtual meeting)

May 23, 2024 4:30 p.m. - 6:35 p.m. Executive Council (Virtual meeting)

June 27, 2024 4:30 p.m. - 6:35 p.m. Executive Council (Virtual meeting)

