



Wayne County Parent Advisory Committee

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MEETING MINUTES
November 14, 2024

Call to Order

Kara Clarke called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. A quorum of members was present.

Members Present: -

Angela Khater Dearborn	Sharene Nathan Detroit	Melissa Adcock Flat Rock	Heather Collins Garden City	Sandy Borgne Lincoln Park
Crystle Upshaw Lincoln Park	Kara Clarke Livonia	Mandee Ordaz Northville	Tymesha Bland Romulus	Lisa-Marie Bailey Wayne/Westland
Tenisha Williams Westwood	Megan Arabucki Woodhaven/Btwn	Gloria Gonzalez Woodhaven/Btwn	LeTeesha Curry Detroit Academy of Arts & Sciences	Jamille Edwards G. Washington Carver Acad.
Laila Ismael Hanley				

Members Excused: Melissa Richardson, Lindsey Ivan, Sabrina Day

Guests Present: Jessica Owulette, Tanaran Dillard, Kyla Page, Megan Colligan, Mike Esseily, Megan Forster, Trienere McClellan, Sarah Henige, Susan Smitt, Samara Wolf, Sa Jackson, Syliva Brown, Lillie Loder, Brian Dunn, Nicole Chubb, Shelby Plinka, Beth Santer, Kim Caesar, Beth Kohler, Zemen Marrugi, Val Murphy-Goodrich, Mona Mallad, Gail Strickland, Wanda Ajrouche, Meagan Sprow

RESA Representatives: Vita Lusk, Celeste Johnson, Theresa Franklin

Dates to Remember

<i>Dates to Remember</i>	
<i>December, 2024</i>	<i>No Meeting</i>
<i>January 9, 2025</i>	<i>Virtual Meeting</i>

I. Approval of Agenda

A copy of the meeting agenda was emailed and posted to the website for members in advance and made available at the meeting. A motion was made by Sandy Borgne and seconded by Crystle Upshaw to accept the agenda. Motion was supported by a majority of members present. No objections were made.

Objections: _____

II. Approval of Minutes

A copy of the meeting minutes from the last meeting was emailed and posted to the website for members in advance. A motion was made by Sandy Borgne and seconded by Tymesha Bland to accept the minutes as noted. Motion supported by majority present. No objections were made.

Objections: _____

III. Presentation

Reminders:

As a WCPAC representative:

You are encouraged to network & develop relationships, share resources in your community, and learn from one another and meeting presentations.

While some members may serve as an advocate, the WCPAC is not an advocacy group.

You are a representative of your district. You are not a representative or employee of Wayne RESA.

If you have any concerns or issues about a specific student or district, please contact Vita, Celeste, or any member of the executive board outside of the meetings.

Advocating & Advising

Kara Clarke, WCPAC Chairperson

Vita Lusk, RESA

MDE OSE Parent Focus Group

Vita Lusk, RESA

Theresa Franklin, RESA

How to prepare for & participate in mediation & facilitation

Beth Kohler, SEMS

<https://mikids1st.org>

Val Murphy-Goodrich, Wayne County Dispute Resolution Center

<http://www.wcdrc.org/>

You can view copies of the presentations in the WCPAC Google Drive by clicking on the link below:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1NWF2vLWJs3vkJngc2jAyxNpIZeHauAY?usp=drive_link

IV. Chairperson Report

Wayne RESA wants to hear from you!

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1UB3SPULusXTkG2cdwM0FqFQCVOklb67/view?usp=drive_link

November is National Family Caregiver's Month.

<https://www.caregiveraction.org/>

Today is World Diabetes Day.

<https://worlddiabetesday.org/>

<http://diabetes.org>

Livonia AIR is hosting Art From The Heart on November 16th.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1cuw6H8qKc4F7F_1ZVZH_FZB1gWx-_BpL/view?usp=drive_link

It's almost time for the Holiday Train! Below is a link with a picture of the train along with a schedule.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1roV5I7rymcNpWGsTHYA_TvBJ6KeX_Czo/view?usp=drive_link

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1xRlalkMm6eS6QEDHiEaHol28OEO-DJOa/view?usp=drive_link

On Friday, December 13th, the Garfield Skills Center will be hosting its annual Holiday Craft Show.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1no2Uno7IURmvjowA2KDv2aPD49miz4L0/view?usp=drive_link

Upcoming Conferences

MI Council for Exceptional Children (CEC)

February 26-February 28, 2025

Amway Grand Plaza Hotel in Grand Rapids

<https://michigancec.org/events/85th-annual-michigan-council-exceptional-children-conference>

Michigan Transition Services Association (MTSA)

March 10-12, 2025

Lansing Center in Lansing

<https://mtsa.regfox.com/2025-mtsa-annual-conference>

Statewide Autism Resources & Training (START)

April 28, 2025, 830a-330p

Lansing Center in Lansing

<https://www.gvsu.edu/autismcenter/start-conference-167.htm>

If you come across a conference that would be beneficial to families of students receiving special education supports, please feel free to share that information! You can let any of the EB know and/or send an email to Vita or Celeste.

V. Vice Chairperson Report

If you have not received the link for the Google Drive, or if any of your contact information has changed, please contact Angela Khater or Sharene Nathan.

VI. Secretary Report

If you need business cards, please contact Sabrina Day. Please make sure you sign in at each meeting you attend, not just for minute purposes but also for year-end mileage reimbursement (only applies for in-person meetings).

VII. Treasurer Report

The account balance is \$1,808.40.

VIII. Subcommittee Reports

We need your help!

Please read the subcommittee description (found in the member folder on the Google Drive or by clicking [here](#)) and consider signing up! [Subcommittee Sign Up - click here!](#)

Legislative Subcommittee

The State & Feds are currently in a "lame duck" session.

Due to the recent elections, there has not been much going on.

IX. RESA Reports

Nothing for today.

X. Member Report

Crystle shared information about an adaptive skating program in the Downriver area along with a sensory-friendly theater showing of Alice in Wonderland in Toledo. Information for both events can be found by using this link:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ob_7RDkDsJ0_tT57a6KDnICU2D-E5yEP/view?usp=drive_link

XI. Public Reports

None.

XII. Adjournment

A motion was made by Jamille Edwards and seconded by Sharene Edwards to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m. Motion passed by majority present. No objections were made.

***The next WCPAC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 9, 2025
at 6:30 p.m., meeting virtually.***