

**COUNCIL ON SPECIAL EDUCATION  
January 13, 2017  
MINUTES**

**Department of Public Instruction, Room P041  
(125 S. Webster Street, Madison; 608-266-1781)**

**Council members in attendance:** Dara Atandare, Patricia Becker, Margaret Carpenter, Elsa Díaz-Bautista, Meredith Dressel, Maria Escalante, Sally Flashberger, Regena Floyd-Sambou, Pamela Foegen, Mackenzie Gabler, Michael Hipple, Jennifer Mims-Howell, Anna Moffitt, Santiago Navarro, Sara Nerenhausen, Jerry Nicholson, Wendy Overturf, Lori Poppe, Lynette Stansfield, Tricia Thompson, Samantha Villagomez, and Carla Witkowski.

**DPI Staff in attendance:** Carolyn Stanford Taylor, Barbara Van Haren, Patti Williams, Julia Hartwig, Daniel Parker, Christina Spector, Amy Owen, Courtney Reed Jenkins, Jeff Pertl

**10:00 – 3:00 pm**

**BUSINESS MEETING #312:** Chair Anna Moffit called the meeting to order, it was seconded, and the meeting came to order.

- 1. Public Appearances: None.**
- 2. Minutes of Meeting #311:** The minutes were read by the group. Chair Moffit made a motion to approve the minutes and it was seconded.
- 3. Correspondence/Chairperson's Report**
  - a. ICC/SAC Webinar: Setting Council Priorities: Chair Moffit shared basic information about the latest ICC/SAC webinar on how other state Council's set priorities. There is great variability from state to state but the information was helpful to consider moving forward. Please contact Christina Spector if you would like notes from the webinar.
  - b. District report cards: Chair Moffit reminded Council members that the district and school report cards had been released since the last meeting and inquired about whether anyone wanted to share feedback.
- 4. Council Member Reports and Issues**
  - a. This year's open forum: The Council agreed that this year's open forum was better attended than in previous years. Christina is working on a response from Chair Moffit and Vice Chair Mims-Howell thanking the attendees for their participation and the speakers for their thoughts. Written feedback has already been sent to one of the speakers who specifically asked for a response.
  - b. Next year's open forum: The Council discussed options for continuing to build participation in the open forum through a remote option. The group agreed that we would like to have the open forum after our first meeting on 9/22/17 and before the DPI Leadership Conference on 10/17/17 on a Monday-Thursday evening from 5-6:30. One option is to host a polycom remote session at each of the CESAs. We also discussed the possibility of using technology to host a "virtual open forum" but there were concerns equitable access to internet and technology. The Council would like Christina to look into hosting the open forum through the CESAs via polycom and report back to the group. The group also discussed the possibility of increasing the number of times that open forums are held, having forums held at LEAs, and/or having a Google Form available on the Council web page to allow members of the public to provide input at any time that is read at the next Council meeting. Consensus was to focus efforts on one remote listening session for

2017, to see how it is received, and to possibly consider the other suggestions for the future.

**5. IDEA Complaint Findings & Decisions and Due Process Hearing Findings & Decisions:** Patricia Williams answered questions from Council members about the newest complaint decisions and due process hearings.

**6. Department of Public Instruction Report: Information and Discussion**

a. Director's Report

- i. Staffing update: Barbara Van Haren provided an update on vacancies and openings.
- ii. Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA): Barb reported the regulations related to assessment have been finalized and we are in the process of reviewing those prior to implementation. We are unsure of the status given the new Presidential administration but will provide more information at the April meeting. The Council asked for more information about the alternate diploma option under ESSA in April as well.
- iii. Disproportionality: Barbara reminded the group that the new disproportionality regulations are out.
- iv. Twice exceptional follow up: Barbara and Christina are working with the Content and Learning team (where the Talented and Gifted grants/programs are housed at DPI) on a response to the requests from Drs. Skoning and Hameister from UW-Oshkosh. The Special Education team has also created a website related to twice exceptional on our webpage at <http://dpi.wi.gov/sped/topics/twice-exceptional>.

b. School Resource Officer work group update: Patricia Williams provided an update on the work of the cross-agency/cross-department work group on issues related to School Resource Officers. The group, in conjunction with stakeholders, will develop a sample Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), best practices, training opportunities, and host these on a DPI website. Anna Moffitt also provided a handout from Leadership on Educational Equity entitled "Progressive Models for School Resource Officers."

**7. Special Reports**

- a. State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP) Updates & Input: Julia Hartwig, Amy Owen, and Courtney Reed Jenkins presented on SSIP. Amy gave detailed information on the theory of action, the Phase II Feedback we have received from OSEP, our evaluation model, and evaluation data sources. A visual documenting the relationship between the improvement strategies and the possible changes to occur was presented. The Council provided feedback on the SSIP plan. Courtney gave an update on the coordinated improvement process being developed for use on both the Special Education and Title One teams and Council provided feedback on what should be considered and who else should be involved.
- b. Department of Public Instruction 2017-18 Budget Requests: Jeff Pertl presented on the Wisconsin educational landscape. In general, enrollment data shows that student poverty is increasing, more students are in fewer school districts, and schools are more racially diverse. Jeff presented historical information about school funding in Wisconsin and Superintendent Evers 2017-19 Budget's four priority areas: school mental health, funding reform, innovative learning, and rural schools.

**8. Unfinished Business: None.**

**9. New Business**

- a. April meeting: The Council agreed with the proposed agenda for the April meeting.
- b. SPP/APR 101: Amy Owen provided a handout ("APR Indicators and Descriptors") that will be helpful at the April meeting that provided some basic information about the data DPI reports on the State Performance Plan (SPP) and Annual Performance Report (APR) and indicators. Amy and Patti Williams will present the information reported in the SPP/APR at the April meeting.
- c. Dispute resolution data: Christina Spector shared a packet of information from the Center for Appropriate Dispute Resolution in Special Education (CADRE) on Trends in Dispute Resolutions under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. This data demonstrated national trends as well as data specific to Wisconsin.

**10. Announcements**

- a. Revised SY 2016-17 Meeting Schedule: The revised 2016-17 school year meeting calendar was distributed.
- b. SY 2017-18 Meeting Schedule: The meeting schedule for 2017-18 was distributed.
- c. Revised Membership List: An updated membership list was distributed.

d. Next meeting date: Friday, April 28, 2017, 10:00 am-3:00 pm, Department of Public Instruction, Room P041, 125 S. Webster Street, Madison; 608-266-1781

**11. Public Appearances: None.**

**12. Adjournment:** Chair Moffit proposed adjourning the meeting, it was seconded, and the meeting ended at 2:50 pm.