

PASE Meeting Minutes

February 7, 2022

Virtual via Zoom

Members Present: Ashley Adams, Jodi Bajko, Heather Bright, Sandy Doornbos, Rachel Eggleton, Romulo Garcia, Jennifer Gard, Ronda Kaechele, Heather Kalafut, Laura Kenyon, Lindsey Kloeckner, Sarah Kugler, Maria Mora-Bowen, Lois Roelse, Julie Scott, Nathan Steinberg, Sarah Szuminski, Megan Wacker, Sarah Whitaker

Guests: Tim Altieri, Raechelle Huston, Ann Jackson, John Kleff, Tina Mortensen, Kirsten Myers, Joanne Platt, Ashley Reynolds, Lisa Runyon

Excused: Tenae Patterson

I. Welcome and Announcements

II. Approve Minutes of November 29, 2021

A motion was made by Sarah Kugler to approve the minutes of November 29, 2021. Motion was seconded by Laura Kenyon and approved with no opposition.

III. Superintendents' Advisory Committee Update

- a. Discussed equity
- b. Educational gaps for lower income students, disabled students and students of color
- c. Transition programs

IV. Review of PASE Wish List from Last Meeting

- a. Previously covered topics
 - i. Least Restrictive Environment
 - ii. IEP education for parents
 - iii. Course of Study
 - iv. Parent Resources
- b. Topics to come
 - i. Assistive Technology - April
 - ii. Understanding eligibility / Disability - April
 - iii. Critical shortages in Special Education - Today

V. Continued Discussion and Small Group Processing from FAPE in the LRE

- a. Discussed things that have worked with IEPS / Group feedback
 - i. The newness of special education with younger students can be overwhelming.
 - ii. Communication is important.
 - iii. Lack of face to face time is hard with COVID.

- iv. More communication with the younger ages, but can diminish as students get older.
- v. Celebrations & Opportunities VS. Strengths & Weaknesses
- vi. The more the merrier in the room at the IEP
- vii. Helps when parents' feedback is asked for in the IEP
- viii. Older students creating their own ppt to illustrate strength/goals
- ix. Older students need to talk more about transition to the community
- x. What happens to students as they may transition to college?

VI. Kent ISD Special Education Strategic Planning

- a. Implementation Fall of 2022
- b. Breakout groups to review parent survey and provide feedback

VII. Addressing Critical Shortages

- a. Attract, Prepare and Retain teachers
- b. Pervasive at the national, state and district level
- c. Kent County
 - i. Need paras
 - ii. Need Special Education teachers (ASD, EI)
 - iii. Related service staff
 - 1. School psychologists
 - 2. School social workers
 - 3. Special Education transport

VIII. Michigan CEC Conference

- a. MI CEC conference - March 2-4, 2022
- b. Can apply to attend

IX. Public Comment and Closing

Our next meeting is April 18, 2022 @ 6:30 pm.

Minutes recorded by PASE Secretary, Lindsey Kloeckner.