

**SB203 SUBCOMMITTEE
SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2020 – 1:00 P.M. TO 4:00 P.M.

Zoom Meeting:

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1. INTRODUCTION. The regular meeting of the SB203 Subcommittee of the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) was called to order. Roll call was taken, and quorum was determined:

Present: Jeff Beardsley, Penni Echols, Candace Emerson, Maureen Fradianni, Todd Garder, Robin Kincaid, Casey McCullough, Kelly Sapyta, and Franchesca Soriano

Absent: Sherlee Williams, Laura Thompson, Nicole Paris, and Aliceandrea Untalan

Staff: Will Jensen, Kim Boles, Daina Loeffler

Presenters: None

Public: Summer Wright

2. PUBLIC COMMENT #1

No public comments at this time.

3. APPROVAL OF FLEXIBLE AGENDA

Motion: Robin Kincaid moved to approve the flexible agenda. Casey McCullough seconded the motion. The vote was called and the motion carried without objection.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Penni Echols moved to approve the March 2, 2020 minutes. Maureen Fradianni seconded the motion. The vote was called and the motion carried without objection.

5. NOMINATION OF CO-CHAIR

No nominations were made

6. COMMUNICATION GROUND RULES/VIRTUAL MEETING ETIQUETTE

The chair and subcommittee members reviewed and discussed virtual meeting etiquette and ground rules. Discussion ensued:

7. REVIEW OF DRAFT CRITERIA DEVELOPED TO DATE

The chair and subcommittee members reviewed the working document of the criteria and recommendations that had been previously developed. Discussion ensued:

Responsibility #1

- Looked at samples from different states to familiarize where committee left off
- Looked at Part C Approved List of Evaluation and assessment tools
- Assessment tools used should be culturally, individually, and developmentally appropriate
- Committee members will take a closer look at the Part C list of assessments to pair it down
- Look at examples from other states and cross reference

Responsibility #2 - Recommendations

- Consider the school year when coming up with how often
- Align testing with current testing standards, what are the current guidelines in IDEA
- Don't create more testing on children, align with current testing standards and systems
- Every 6 months seems appropriate, in accordance with assessment tool recommendations
- Qualify Frequency as required by methodology of assessment instrument, as needed by student progress or lack thereof, as is tolerated by the student, committee recommends approximately six months
- Keeping in mind the recommendations of the assessment developer is taken into consideration
- Add comment that we recognize recommendations for a wide variety of ages, year round programs may be missed by the 6 month minimum
- Recommend that professionals develop these assessments

Responsibility #3

Considerations:

- Add Tactile milestones (pre braille, beginning braille is left off).
- Add early in front of literacy skills
- Make this easy for parents to understand, give children same standards that other children have and the tools to get there

- Redo Language Milestones paragraph
- Review milestones and make recommendations
- Vision and hearing – would use tactile (signing, talking and braille)
- Including children with multiple diagnosis
- Consider language – strength based approach towards instruction to include all children
- Consider whole child
- Definition of literacy for 6 years and under

8. DELEGATION OF TASKS AND ASSIGNMENTS

Consult with teacher of the deaf that works with children 6 and under
Work with DHHS to review assessment tools – Kelly and Francheca
Review standards – Daina will send link

9. UPDATE OF ACTION ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Agenda item not covered

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Assessment Tools – Review and make recommendations
- Standards for English Language Arts for Early Childhood Education
- Language and Literacy Milestones – Review and make recommendations

11. PUBLIC COMMENT #2

None at this time

12. ADJOURNMENT

The next regular SB203 Subcommittee of the SEAC meeting is October 15, 2020 via Zoom, from 1 to 4