

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 2024 – 1:00 P.M.

Public Meeting at:

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

Present: Janet Belcove-Shalin, Anna Marie Binder, Barbara Bidell, Ivy Burns, MaryAnn Demchak, Penni Echols, Kaci Fleetwood, Alison Greathouse, Sara Jorgensen, Christine Lenox, Doralee Martinez, Travis Mills, Mathew Montgomery, Joseph Morgan, Jami Pavicic, Melina Proffitt, Christiane Schau, Shelly Speck, Sarah Thomas, Diane Thorkildson, Shannon Urquhart, and Laurel Winchester

Absent: Melissa Bart-Plange, Leah Edge, Lisa Hunt, Ellen Marquez, Jackie Sheppard, Amanda Shipp, Jennifer Strobel, Karen Taycher, and Rosalie Woods

Staff: Julie Bowers and Jessica Boles

Presenters:

Public:

2. PUBLIC COMMENT #1

No public comment

3. APPROVAL OF FLEXIBLE AGENDA

Motion: MaryAnn Demchak moved to approve the flexible agenda. Joe Morgan seconded the motion. The vote was called, and the motion was carried out without objection.

- 17/17 Votes: Approval

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the May 29, 2024, meeting were reviewed and discussed.

Clarification on meeting minutes page 4, seems that there were some inconsistencies with Indicator 18 title. Few years ago, it was called Indicator 15 and is now referred to as Indicator 18.

The Federal Allocation amount was missing a number digit. Minutes have been updated to \$97,171,184.

Motion: Travis Mills moved to approve the minutes with corrections. Sara Jorgensen seconded the motion. The vote was called, and the motion was carried out without objection.

- 18/18 Votes: Approval

5. Committee Priorities

I. Recap and Discussion of committee priorities

- Special Education Teacher Shortage/Para Training
- Transition
- Placement
- Removal & Discipline/Behavior
- Parent Involvement/Dispute Resolution
- Talk about priorities and if any information will be needed for next year.
- NDE has a parental engagement council, we should invite them or see what work they are doing, along with Nevad PEP. Future agenda item to see how we can help, enhance or complement their work.
- Nevada Governors council and NDALC come out and speak to the committee.
- DD Council passed the budget for next fiscal year, lots of great work in there that is also complimentary of the work in this committee.
- Previous discussions, dispute resolution data, more information about the complaints coming in. Look at information in the complaints that we don't necessarily look at.
- More information related to the new TRIP grant, updates.
- Report on restraint and seclusions, an annual report and will be on agenda for next year.
- Parent Surveys- unique code on each survey, does the information go back to school, district, or the state? Data is given back to the NDE and used to create different reports for indicators. Give it to the districts for district level data.
- Process, great conversation in the group and doesn't appear to result in action at the district level. Conversation around NDEs relationship with districts and how districts are held accountable for state level policy changes that are made.

What parents can expect from a state level policy as it rolls down to district level.

- Disability laws
- Special Education teachers that teach braille. Parents are frustrated that their students aren't getting sufficient and adequate braille lessons.
- Any information that the committee may need according to the priorities, jot it down for next year so we can get those requests to the state or agency.

6. NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION UPDATES

I. Office of Inclusive Education Update

- Not a lot of updates since the last time we met.
- OSEP findings still haven't come in. Hopefully will have them by our fall meeting.
- Attended the Superintendents meeting on Monday in Tahoe. Most of the conversation at the meeting was around the state's movement towards competency-based learning. Work with directors across the districts to see how our special education population is being included in those discussions and built into that work.
- Governor's initiative on aging accountability. What and if any specific information or anything is being done in the schools regarding that accountability measure.
- Commission on school funding has been hearing information around different models on special education funding. West Ed was asked to do a report on some historic information on what has been recommended before in Nevada, as well as what other states do. Give the committee some scenarios on a dashboard where variable can be changed and how they affect different districts. We know that it will never be funded so that it is equitable across all the districts. Trying to find the most equitable way to distribute so districts so that all have the maximum benefit.
- Commission will make recommendations for moving into the next Legislative session.
- Will be able to present those recommendations to the committee in the fall.
- Received confirmation from USDOE, Glenna Gallo the Assistant Secretary of Education for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, will be coming to our Mountain Madness Director's retreat.
- Matt, SEAC Chairperson, has been appointed to serve on the National State Advisory Panel OSEP workgroup. The group meets once a month to discuss the issues around state advisory committees.
- The committee does webinars every quarter, will make sure to get the webinar information out to our SEAC committee.
- Also, will pass along information to SEAC that is learned in the National Group.

7. UPDATE OF ACTION ITEMS FROM MAY MEETING

No updates at this time

8. FUTURE SEAC MEETINGS

I. Meetings for next year

- Most likely having one in person meeting in the fall. A two-day meeting, first day of training and a second day of business.
- Remainder of the meetings will most likely be virtual.
- Dates will most likely be around the same time as they were this year.
- Once set we will let everyone know.
- Term limits with new bylaws, you would have two terms after the approval of the bylaws.
- Spots available in parent seats- 4

9. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Motion: Travis Mills moved to appoint Matt Montgomery as Chair of SEAC. Doralee Martinez seconded the motion. The vote was called, and the motion was carried out without objection.

- 19/21 Votes: Approval

Motion: Travis Mills moved to appoint Doralee Martinez as Vice-Chair of SEAC. Anna Marie Binder seconded the motion. The vote was called, and the motion was carried out without objection.

- 21/22 Votes: Approval

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Behavior and Discipline (departments intention to support school district) – Karen Taycher
- Guidance for students to “Walk” with adjusted diploma – Karen Taycher
- Break down indicator data by disability category
- Local enrollment trajectories over the past 5 years- Joseph Morgan
- Update regarding definition of visually impaired- Lisa Hunt review updated changes in August. See what has changed and now what is it statute.
- Cameras in the classroom, BDR- Anna Marie Binder
- Update and policy changes in CCSD regarding discipline and behavior legislation/data- Anna Marie Binder
- BDR Updates
- Transportation – Travis
- SEAC committee having Student Spotlights – Anna Marie Binder
- Committee Priority Areas and data for these priorities- Joe Morgan
- NDE Website, family support and family-friendly- Shelly Speck
- Dropout Gap- Shanda Roderick
- Stakeholder Survey for dispute resolution flowchart- Shelly Speck

- Indicator 8 parent involvement surveys- Sara Jorgensen
- Data and Success for the PIP Retention and Recruitment Grant
- Report Cards for Districts- Shelly Speck

Program Spotlight

- Rural Regional Resource Centers –being part of transition, equity from rural to urban, consistency statewide.
- NDALC
- Focus Program – UNLV
- NCED information and news/events- Travis Mills
- VR Services Update – Anna Marie Binder
- Educator and student spotlight at every meeting

Special Education Initiatives

- Data on inclusion of young students with disabilities

IDEA Spotlight – Legal Requirements/Evidence Based Practice

- Linkage to IEP
- Case Law
- MOE
- Transition Services – Shanda Roderick
- Behavioral entitlements of students with disabilities, risk assessment
- Suspension/Expulsion
- Standing Reports-Restraint and Seclusion and dispute resolution, SPDG & Transition Grant
- Charter school/SPSCA dispute resolution – Janet Belcove-Shalin

11. PUBLIC COMMENT #2

No public comment

12. ADJOURNMENT