



Wayne County Parent Advisory Committee

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MEETING MINUTES

September 11, 2025

Call to Order

Angela Khater called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. A quorum of members was present.

Members' Present: -

Melissa Richardson- Allen Park	Angela Khater- Dearborn	Barbara Young- Dearborn Hts 7	Sharene Nathan- Detroit	Heather Collins- Garden City
Sandy Borgne- Lincoln Park	Crystal Upshaw- Lincoln Park	Kara Clarke - Livonia	Mandee Ordaz- Northville	Tracee Winston- South Redford
Samara Wolf- Taylor	Bertrina Thomas- Detroit Merit	Jessica Owulette- Plymouth Scholars	Amanda Rock- Tipton Academy	

Members Excused:

Guests Present: Tanaran Dillard-Redford Union Dir, Gail Strickland- Westwood Dir

RESA Representatives: Beth Santer, Celeste Johnson, Theresa Franklin

Dates to Remember

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<i>October 9th</i>	<i>Virtual</i>
<i>November 13th Dinner with Directors</i>	<i>Wayne RESA doors open at 5:30 dinner at 6 PM</i>
<i>February 12th</i>	<i>Virtual</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 Sharene Nathan and seconded by Kara Clarke 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 Kara Clarke and seconded by Jessica Owulette to accept the minutes as noted. Motion supported by majority present. No objections were made.

Objections: _____

III. Presentation

The meeting began with introductions of the new Executive Board and RESA staff.

Angela Khater- Chair

Jessica Owulette- 2nd Chair.

Melissa Richardson- Secretary

Lisa- Marie Bailey- Treasurer

Celeste Johnson & Theresa Franklin, Special Education Consultants

Jen Taiariol- Assistant Superintendent of Special Education Early Intervention Services (SEEIS)

Beth Santer Executive Director of SEEIS

Adrienne Kubicki- Director of SEEIS

Tonight's presentation included an overview of the WCPAC and orientation for WCPAC representatives. Please see your email for links that were shared and discussed during the meeting. For specifics, you can view the meeting PowerPoint by clicking on the following link

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1QyvG73BoPBOERAxYUT47mrn-sRetK2Gf/edit>

IV. Chairperson Report

Please review the member folder on the google drive.

V. Chair Elect Report

If you have not received the link for the Google Drive, or if any of your contact information has changed, please contact Jessica Owulette.

VI. Secretary Report

If you need business cards, please contact Melissa Richardson. 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 \$1808.40.

VIII. Subcommittee Reports

We need your help!

Please read the subcommittee description (found in the member folder on the Google Drive) and consider signing up! Lisa-Marie asked about legislative subcommittee—Kara let her know she has been the only member, and she is welcome to help.

[Subcommittee Sign Up - click here!](#)

IX. RESA Reports

Beth Santer, Celeste Johnson, Theresa Franklin.

RESA report- Beth Santer

State & County School Year update

RESA priorities this year least restrictive environment (LRA)

Law shows GE as standard, then you go from there to decide if the child needs other services.

Personal curriculum- High School- RESA as an ISD is going to support our districts to use personal curriculum more.

Need more information or training contact RESA.

Family matter fact sheets for information also

Preschool – making sure people know their options for preschool.

In order for RESA to develop more resources they are doing podcasts that are specific to special education for families and staff. They have taped several. Some podcasts they have done are:

Kara Clarke- Power of the PAC

Eilean brant- Understanding guardianship and POA with adults with disabilities.

Angela Khater- With Mike/direction in Dearborn. Parents and directors know how to navigate conflict.

Kate Pearson- What and why of essential elements

Kevin Fishcer & Tom Watkins – mental health

Theresa Franklin with Beth Kohler- Tips for parents and school staff

Celeste Johnson- Dyslexia (coming soon)

Beth Santer- State Rep Sharon McDonald- house bill to streamline POA, Guardianship process easier for families. (what is the house bill)

Beth already provided, but Theresa added that slides and videos would be added to the RESA website about LRE and becoming a surrogate parent.

Looking to hire an additional special education consultant

Hired Sarah Pope—working with country jails and youth.

Beth Santer- New Executive Director of SEEIS

X. Member Report

Kara Clarke- Michigan Alliance email- full training schedule for the full year. Attached to these notes. November 5th, hosting skills for effective parent advocacy at ARC NW Wayne County.

English & Arabic. Focus Flyer Group- 17th 18+. 18th of September also.

Board report encourages you to bring information to/from your LEA or PSA.

Attend Meetings.

Familiarize yourself with IDEA, MARSE, and County Plan-RESA website.

Any questions please reach out to any current WCPAC Executive Officer or WCPC Member.

WRACE Business Meeting Dates listed. Will be updated with upcoming dates before coming out.

XI. Public Reports

Angela encourages us all to attend conferences.

Amanda (Mandee) Ordaz said she might know of some scholarships to attend conferences.

XII. Adjournment

A motion was made by Kara Clarke and seconded by Melissa Richardson to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 p.m. Motion passed by majority present. No objections were made.

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