



Wayne County Parent Advisory Committee

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Melissa Richardson, Secretary **Lisa-Marie Bailey**, Treasurer

MEETING MINUTES October 9th, 2025-Virtual

Call to Order

Angela Khater called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. A quorum of members was present.

Members' Present: -

Amanda Rock-Tipton Academy	Melissa Richardson- Allen Park	Tenisha Williams-Westwood	Tracee Winston-South Redford	Bethany Gomillion-Redford
Lisa-Marie Bailey-Wayne Westland	Sandy Borgne-Lincoln Park	Jessica Owulette-Plymouth Scholars	Meghan Arabucki-Woodhaven Brownstown	LaTeesha Curry Detroit Academy of Arts & Sciences
Dawn Osenkowski-Livonia	Heather Collins-Garden City	Gloria Gonzalesz-Woodhaven Brownstown	Crystal Upshaw-Lincoln Park	Kara Clarke- Livonia

Members Excused:

Guests Present: Darlene Heard-Thomas- Romulus, Cordero Johnson-Old Redford Academy, Cherita Hill-Old Redford, Mary Sunisloe-Wayne Westland, Amie Conrad-Allen Park, Christina Glenn- Livonia, Antoine Glenn-Livonia,

RESA Representatives: Beth Santer, Celeste Johnson, Theresa Franklin, Dr. Jennifer Taiariol

<i>Dates to Remember</i>	
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<i>November 13th Dinner with Directors</i>	<i>Wayne RESA doors open at 5:30 dinner at 6 PM Please RSVP by 10/31 QR Code and going out via email</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 Lisa- Marie Bailey and seconded Melissa

Richardson 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 Lisa-Marie Bailey to accept the minutes as noted. Motion supported by majority present. No objections were made.

Objections: _____

III. Presentation

Presenters: Beth Santer & Theresa Franklin

- **Understanding Personal Curriculum for Special Education Students**

- What is a Personal Curriculum
 - Provides an alternative pathway for GE and Special Education students.
- Who can request?
 - Parent or Guardian
 - Students eighteen or over
 - School Personnel
- Who Qualifies?
 - Students with IEPs
 - GE students who seek modifications
 - Students seeking advanced coursework.
 - Transfer students needing graduation requirement adjustments.
- Many members are required for a Personal Curriculum
 - Please see slide for further breakdown of members needed.
- What are the roles and responsibilities of staff?
 - GE teachers- provide input on curriculum.
 - Special Ed teachers- advocate for students with IEPs
 - Counselors & administrators- Oversee the process.
 - Parents & Students- Actively participate in decision-making and goal setting.
- Alignment Considerations
 - IEP
 - Transition Plan
 - Educational Development Plan (EDP)
- Important Information to consider from IEPs.
 - PLAAFP (foundation of IEP)
 - Students' Unique Needs
 - Student's Strengths/Parent Input
 - Transition Plans
- What is EDP?
 - Educational Development Plan (EDP) looks at career exploration. Developed when students are in the seventh grade with the support of school personnel.

- Addresses students' strengths.
 - Parents input.
 - Looking at career clusters
 - Helps students plan for their future.
- Important aspects of transition planning
 - Documentation
 - EDPs
 - Data
 - Assessment Results
 - Ongoing
- The Process
 - Identify the need.
 - Submitting a request
 - Developing a plan
 - Gaining approvals
 - Monitoring progress
- When NOT to do a PC (Personal Curriculum)
 - If students can meet Michigan Merit Curriculum (MMC) with support
 - If the request is only about convenience
 - If the need is short-term
 - If it lowers expectations too far
 - If the IEP already addresses the issue
 - If parents or staff are unclear on goals
- Remember alternate pathways!
 - CTE programs
 - Many are opening Livonia, Wayne Westland, etc.
 - You can take a program that absorbs you of other requirements in the MMC curriculum.
 - Many high schools have different classes that count towards the MMC requirements.
- Unintended Consequences to a PC
 - Admission/preparedness to specific colleges
 - Eligibility for NCAA athletic programs
 - Admission to some trade schools
- Resources (please see slide for links) MDE's page about PC and Handouts from Michigan Alliance for PC's
- Reach out to Wayne RESA or school leaders if you have further questions!

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. Please share your information with Jessica and she can give you access to the members folder. The roster has been updated. This information is confidential and do not forget about the Remind App.

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! Please reach out.

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

IX. RESA Reports

Beth Santer

RESA report- Beth Santer

Focusing on LRA in Wayne County. They are giving presentations in districts and public-school academies, so everyone has information about PC. School districts are asking for presentations on the latest and greatest and RESA is making sure no one is left behind with this.

LRA podcast RESA is receiving a lot of people that want to do these. They are going to do two a month for special ed and also a mental health podcast.

This month they are highlighting Understanding guardianship and POA with adults with disabilities with Eilean Brant.

State Rep Sharon McDonald- house bill to streamline POA, Guardianship process easier for families. Making sure our adults with disabilities have a voice in the decision-making process.

Kevin Fishcer & Tom Watkins are also doing a podcast on mental health.

Angela Khater- With Mike/Director from Dearborn did a podcast that will be released next month on parents and directors knowing how to navigate conflict.

X. Member Report

No report.

XI. Public Reports

Kara gave some information on some events that are happening. She also gave a link for the IEP course. https://zoom.us/meeting/register/TM2l_gJ1T0eTue6Uo7Ckyw#/registration

She is sending out a flyer for a class on November 5th.

XII. Adjournment

A motion was made by Tenisha Williams and seconded by Lateesha Curry to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 p.m. Motion passed by majority present. No objections were made.

***The next WCPAC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 13th
at 6:30 p.m., Dinner with Directors.***