

Special Education Advisory Panel Meeting

Minutes

June 17, 2011

Members in Attendance

Scott Montgomery	Jennifer Bax	Kathleen Harnetz
Stephen Barr	Thurma DeLoach	Laura Moseley
Tammy Pence	Doreen Frappier	Angela Brown
Dorothy Parks	Lori Christiansen	Lauren Zeliff
Steve McDannold	Byron Koster	
Russ Brock	Jerry Neal	

Members Not in Attendance

Denise Buersmeyer	Michelle Hoffmeister	Becky Romine
Donna Cash	Patricia Kopetz	Mary Kay Savage
Martha Crabtree	Jamey McVicker	Pam Schneeflock
Trish Grassa	Angela Peters	Susan Sharp

Copies of handouts and presentations for this meeting are available at:

<http://dese.mo.gov/divspeced/Administration/AdvisoryPanel/94142meetings.html>.

Call to Order/Introductions – Scott Montgomery called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. Introductions were made.

Approval of Minutes – Steve McDannold made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Jerry Neal seconded. Minutes were approved.

Professional Learning Communities (PLC) (included working lunch) – Vince Powell, High School Principal, and Pam Deneke, Special Education Instructor, from the Jackson School District presented information on how PLC has changed the culture of their school. Rob Gordon – MO PLC Web/Data Consultant, presented information on PLC in Missouri. To review both PowerPoint presentations, go to the website listed above. Any feedback or questions should be sent to Mary Ann Burns, Director of School Improvement Initiatives, Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Department Update

- The Office of Special Education has a couple vacancies - Director of Compliance and Supervisor in Effective Practices.
- The Department is engaged in regional meetings to discuss MSIP5 (five regions). Final recommendations will go to the State Board of Education in August.
- MOCASE presented an issue related to speech language certification. Currently there is a dual system (licensed and certified). They suggested using professional licensure instead of certification. This may cause issues with retirement.
- The Department has been in contact with the U. S. Department of Education regarding future issues for the Joplin School District. The Department is working with Joplin to help prepare them for whatever issues they may have to confront and how the Department can assist them.
- Stephen handed out a copy of the Department's Top10 by 20 Plan. To review it, go to the above website. There have been some minor word changes but the intent and focus has not changed. Twelve cross agency teams were created to help implement this plan. Each team will be reaching out to stakeholder groups.

- National IDEA and Title I organizations are looking into inconsistencies of IDEA and are making recommendations (see attached report).
- Stephen handed out a copy of an article called “Common Core Tests to Have Built in Accommodations” published in “Education Week.” To review it, go to the above website.

Subcommittees met from 1:15 – 1:45 p.m.

Subcommittee Reports

- **Evaluation** – The subcommittee worked on a draft of the annual report letter which will be emailed to the panel for review. After the panel reviews, the final version will be sent to members for final approval.
- **Rules and Regulations** – The subcommittee recently polled several states with only one due process hearing officer. The few states that responded indicated that was the only system they had ever used. If Missouri changed to a single hearing officer, it would save about \$60,000 per year. The subcommittee made no recommendation. The subcommittee is continuing their discussion on MSIP5.
- **Monitoring** – The monitoring subcommittee is also discussing MSIP5.
- **Programs** – The subcommittee would like to suggest the following items for future panel meetings:
 - Ask a school that is participating in MIM pilot to present on how it is working in their school with the focus on special needs students, teachers, and programs.
 - Updates on MSIP5.
 - Updates on Top 10 by 20 and how the Department will allocate existing funds to cover those goals.
 - Ask Assistive Technology to present on new developments and trends for students utilizing assistive technology.
 - As the Department moves forward on the quality teacher standards, how will this impact the certification process for special education teachers? Is there any discussion about quality standards for preschools?
 - The subcommittee is concerned with the lack of funding for Parents As Teachers (PAT) and would like to know what the panel as a whole can do to advocate for funding for PAT.
- **Nominations** – Currently, there are two vacancies in the Parents of Students with Disabilities/Individuals with Disabilities category and one vacancy in the Teacher category.
- **Public Comment** – No comments have been received since the last meeting.

APR/SPP – At the last meeting, panel members were asked to review the APR/SPP and indicating any concerns. There was no further discussion by the panel. This issue is considered a closed matter.

Election of Officers

Chair – Scott Montgomery
 Vice Chair – Russell Brock
 Secretary – Sue Sharp

Election of Executive Committee Members

Angela Brown
 Doreen Frappier
 Jerry Neal
 Jamey McVicker

Adjournment – Lori Christiansen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tammy Pence seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.