

**State Advisory Committee (SAC) For Children with Disabilities**

*Advising the NH Department of Education per RSA 186-C:3-b*

September 29, 2022, 9:00 am – 4:30 pm

**SAC Retreat Meeting Minutes**

**In Attendance:** In Person and Virtually

Alyson Eberhardt, Carin Daddino-Rogers, Christina Dotson, Dale Boyle, Erica Peaslee, Esther Kennedy, Greg Magoon, Janet Reed, Jennifer Blagriff (Chair), Jennifer Jordan, Jennifer Pike, Joanne Grobecker (1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chair), Karen Rosenberg, Karen Stokes, Kari Grimes, Katherine Shea, Lance Paquette, Melissa McKeon (2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chair), Michelle Lewis, Moira Ryan, Rebecca Fredette, Tracy Walbridge, William Caruso

**Absent:**

Rep. Cordelli, Rep. Mullen, Senator Kahn, Alicia Houston, Becky Owen, Christopher O'Reilly, Holly Carman, Joe Costanzo, Kara Buxton, Kathleen Talbot, Leah Lucier-Pike, Lewis Bellows, Marissa Chan

**Guest:**

John Copenhaver, Alex Langevin and Mary Ellen Hamilton

**Welcome and Introductions:**

Jennifer Blagriff began the retreat at 9:13 and gave a brief welcome.

The intention is starting in November is to have the sub-committees meet during that SAC meetings. She also expects that the Annual Report for this year, 2022-2023 with recommendations to the Commissioner, will be voted on at the May 2023 meeting. Providing formal information and recommendations to the Commissioner as soon as possible will really help to have a productive year and the sub-committee meetings will help lead to that. Remember that we will meet on the first Wednesday of every month and we will meet in December and June.

Regarding the recording of the SAC meetings, it was her understanding that the SAC members knew that they are for note taking purposes only. There was never a policy developed and voting did not take place on this. It was shared that a Right to Know request was made for the recordings of today's meeting and it will need to be made public until the official written meeting minutes become available. Members were told if they felt uncomfortable with this, they could decide not to participate in today's retreat your absence would be excused. This will be discussed at the October meeting. The October agenda is being amended and have voting on the priorities be at the November meeting.

SAC members introduced themselves and their role on SAC.

Esther Kennedy made a motion to accept the June minutes, seconded by Janet Reed.

A roll call vote was held on the approval of the June meeting minutes.

9 approved; 12 abstentions; 0 opposed. Motion is carried.

**Public Comment:**

No public comment

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Discussion was had on the meeting minutes and when they should be sent out and posting on the website 5 days after approval. This will be talked about further at the October 5<sup>th</sup> SAC meeting.

**State of the State: Rebecca Fredette**

PowerPoint Agenda:

- 1 – Introduction: Update on changes over that past year and where we are as a State
- 2 – Last Year: Data and Results for Students with Disabilities in NH - Indicators
- 3 – Legislation: HB1513 & SB394; HB1594; HB1624; HB1074; SB238 and SB381- passed
- 4 – What's Next: Monthly Timeline; Program Approval; Indicator 13 Monitoring Process Changes
- 5 – Updates: Dispute Resolution Process Audit; Bureau Facebook Page
- 6 – Closing and Questions: Indicator questions from members

**TAESE – Technical Assistance for Excellence in Special Education Orientation for Committee Members Presentation with John Copenhaver and Alex Langevin**

- Orientation to provide Special Education Advisory Committee members with training and information regarding the Committee's purpose and functions under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).
- Facilitated discussion of 2022-2023 Advisory Committee Annual Priorities.

Last year's priorities:

1. Inclusive School Culture/Equity in Education
2. Achievement Gap/Proficiency in Reading
3. Personnel Shortages/Special Education Teachers and Paras

New for this year:

4. Barriers/Mental Health/Parent Support – Most Vulnerable
5. Student Centered, High Achievement Goals towards a standard High School Diploma and Beyond

The result from picking your top three were:

- #1 - received one dot
- #2 - received eight dots
- #3 and #4 received 12 dots each
- #5 – received 15 dots

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**Continued Discussions:**

- Recommendations and questions for the By-Laws Subcommittee.
- Discuss the recording of the meetings for note taking purposes.
- Recommended for the agenda - keep Due Process as a standing item.
- SAC subcommittees breakout our during the regular SAC meetings.
- Bonnie still sends out Legislative Updates and you can get on her mailing list.

**Motion to Adjourn:**

A motion was made by Janet Reed and seconded by Dale Boyle. A roll call vote was held.

9 approved; 0 abstentions; 0 opposed; Motion is carried