

June 2018: Meeting Minutes

Call to order:

A meeting of Special Education Advisory Panel was held at Pierre at the MacKay Library Commons on June 6, 2018.

Erin Schons called the meeting to order.

Attendees:

Attendees included: Laura Johnson-Frame, Shelly Shaw, Kristi Eisenbraun (remote), Larry Ayres, Stacy Haber, Marie Ivers, Kaitlin Donohoe (Ryan), Erin Schons, Dr. Donna Johnson and Linda Turner

Support staff: Melissa Flor and Kristin Jerome

Members not in attendance:

Members not in attendance included: Traci Glanzman, Sarah Carda, Sara Hoogheem, Bernie Grimme, Lori Larson, Judy Hoscheid and Betsy Schwenk

Call meeting to order by Vice Chairperson, Erin Schons

Approval of the Agenda:

- Larry Ayres motioned
- Marie Ivers Seconded
- Motion Carried

Approval of January meeting minutes:

- Donna Johnson motioned
- Shelly Shaw 2nd the motion
- Motion carried

Approval of April meeting minutes (April meeting was cancelled due to storm):

- Marie Ivers motioned
- Larry Ayres 2nd the motion
- Motion carried

Public Comment: None

2018 Legislative And Department of Education Updates – Linda Turner:

- Discussed Indicator 17
- Discussed Part B IDEA Grant Application
- Discussed Legislative Bill SD 46

- Discussed Legislative Bill regarding language development of deaf and hard of hearing students
- Discussed ECF (Extraordinary Cost Fund) summer study and 2018 allocations
- Appreciation of Service to leaving panel members

Parent Teacher Association (PTA) Presentation – Stephanie Owens – SD PTA President:

- Discussed what the PTA does and how it helps engage families by a variety of methods.

Andrea Diehm – Proposed Graduation Requirements Revisions:

- Discussed what the proposed graduation requirements were and how that will affect students. There was also discussion on the proposed changes to Administrative Rules of South Dakota (ARSD) 24:05:27:12 and implication for students with disabilities. Panel members were encouraged to submit

Mary Livermont - ASPIRE – Communication with Families:

- Discussed ASPIRE project and what staff learned about communicating with families.

Priority Area – Parental Awareness of Rights and Procedural Safeguards:

- Discussed the Parental Rights handbook
 - Add a Frequently Asked Question page in the beginning that linked to another place in the document. Each advisory panel member will review another state’s parental rights and develop five frequently asked question for the document.
 - How to make sure that parents are staying informed of rights.
 - Making book smaller to be easier to handle.
 - Include an appendix and glossary.
 - Developing a video to summarizes the information in layman’s terms. Talk to Parent Connections to see if this already exists.

Meeting Take-Aways for Annual Report:

- Discussed the meetings highlights to put into the Annual Report
 - Recapped Priority Area - Parental Awareness of Rights and Procedural Safeguards
 - Heard from SD PTA President on how to get parents involved at school.
 - Heard from ASPIRE and how it is helping kids.
 - Presentation from Andrea Diehm on how the new Graduation Requirements will affect kids.
 - Linda Turner updated us on Part B grant application, Indicator 17 and the SPDG Grant.

Next Meeting Agenda Items and Location, Date and Time:

- Review new laws regarding open meetings and review bylaws
- 17-18 Dispute Resolution Report
- Discussed bringing in Parent Connection and Disability Rights to discuss what are the main questions they received related to Parental Safeguards.
- Having Orientation for new Council Members on September 18th and then having regular council meeting on September 19th in Pierre.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:48:

- Marie Ivers motioned
- Larry Ayres 2nd the motion
- Motion Carried