

PAC meeting 11/12/23

Time started, 6:00 pm

Attendance

Roll Call:

Dawn Pfifer, Eaton Rapids, Chair

Megan Weber, Grand Ledge

Ann Neff-Rohs, Charlotte, Secretary

Brian Graham, Maple Valley

Erica Romero, Maple Valley

Dr Sarah Parker, Director of Meadowview

Approval of minutes from Oct 16, 2023 meeting

Motion, Megan Weber

2nd approve, Dawn Pfifer

Discussion

- New Members -
 - Collecting and adding new member information
- RESA Happenings
 - Special Ed Director for Charlotte: Amber Creech - former RESA teacher and testing consultant in Charlotte
 - Meadowview Director hired: Paige Rife
 - Tammy Matthews leaving
 - Maple Valley Director hired: Randy Cusack - Maple Valley Direct
- Special Ed Millage passed by 170, 3 million funding increase
- Social work shortage, down 5.5 social workers
- Fingerprint Event - 11/12/23 Potterville event, WILX news coverage
 - Try to reduce anxiety and officers don't wear a uniform
 - No need to prove eligibility for the service, just provide consent
- Sex Ed Committee
 - 3 teachers are spearheading the committee
 - Parent Day: Thursday Feb 22, 6-7:30 pm @ Meadowview or Zoom
 - Monday March 4, 6-7:30 pm @ Meadowview or Zoom
- RESA -ISD plan open to verify programs and services in all districts
 - Provides guidance to Special Education for Directors
 - Hierarchy: IDEA (Federal) >MARS (Michigan) >RESA (ISD plan)
 - Looking at revising programs and services description for RESA school districts
 - Last one that was approved was revised in 2022
 - Example: Waiving the number limiting students that can be in a program, Also a waiver could approve an increase of age span of students in a program

- MDE is coming down on districts to provide the least restrictive environment; Meadowview is the most restrictive environment so when districts reach out for requests to move students with behaviors that haven't tried to keep them in the least restrictive environment, they are asked to go back and try again. This also applies to transportation.
 - Representation of school districts on the PAC is low, how can we increase representations
- How can PAC support parents:
 - Introduce ourselves to Early On and GSRP staff
 - Building relationships is the most important
 - Very important to teach self-advocacy skills for 8th grade and up
 - The Mitten Project - virtual reality training
- 23/24 School Year Planning (Dawn)
 - Joint events with CCRESA, Ingham ISD
- Action Items: Please bring the ideas to the next meeting for December 11
- Idea: invite Special Ed directors to February 12 meeting
 - Top 5 reasons why you got involved in Special Education?
 - What do you wish all parents knew?
 - What's your goal for the new millage revenue?
 - Also invite Kelly and Shawn

Dawn made a motion to adjourn
Megan 2nd motion