

**MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SEAC)  
April 01, 2009**

**Meeting Summary**

*[This meeting summary is unofficial until approved at the May 06, 2009, SEAC Committee of the Whole meeting]*

Delegates Present: Joan Bade (phone), Michael Beach, Cindy Bush, Julie Daggett-Lawrence, Michel Lynn DeJulian, Judith Dorsch-Backes, Jackie D. Igafo-Te'o, Teri Johnson, Linda Keway (alternate), Kathleen Kosobud, Sheri Kraft, Tom Langdon, Diane Lanham-Kullis, David D. Malott, Michelle Miller, David Overly, Sue Rabidoux (alternate), Jayanne Roggenbaum, Susan Schneider, Richard Spring, Chuck Stockwell, Lori Swan, Jan Van Gasse (phone)

MDE Staff Present: John Andrejack, Lydia Calderon, Karen Filliez, Meredith Hines, Pat MacQuarrie, Pat West

SEAC Consultant: Sandi Laham

Ex-Officio Present: Lori Irish, Mark Larson

Guests Present: Chuck Achterhof, Chandra Jones, Maggie Kolk, Dick LaPeer, Cynthia Wright

- I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:00 A.M.
- II. Roll Call
- III. Introduction of Guests
- IV. Approval of Proposed April Agenda
  - A. Motion to approve by David Overly
  - B. Second by Sheri Kraft; motion approved
- V. Approval of March 04, 2009 summary; see March SEAC summary
  - A. Motion to approve by David Overly
  - B. Add Michelle Miller to Delegates Present
  - B. Second by Susan Schneider; motion approved
- VI. Public Comment: NONE
- VII. Chairperson Report
  - A. Update on election process

- B. Jayanne Roggenbaum, newly elected SEAC executive board member, will be moving to St. Petersburg, Florida in June.
  - C. Acronym word wall; see document, "SEAC Acronyms"
  - D. May 06, 2009, e-meeting
    - 1. Eaton County Intermediate School District (ISD): originating site
    - 2. Macomb County ISD (head count, 5 attending)
    - 3. Delta-Schoolcraft ISD (head count, 3 attending)
    - 4. Car-pooling suggested
- VIII. State Department Reports: John Andrejack (for Jacquelyn Thompson), Supervisor, Program Finance, Office of Special Education-Early Intervention Services
- A. State Board of Education
    - 1. Anticipate the Board will approve new SEAC appointments at the June meeting
  - B. Federal Activities
    - 1. American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)
      - a. Staff working on the applications for ARRA funds available to schools under IDEA
      - b. Funds will support programs and services required under IDEA
      - c. Funds will assist schools to improve outcomes for students with IEPs
      - d. Go to [www.michigan.gov/mde](http://www.michigan.gov/mde) , and link to Office of Special Education and Early Intervention Services and select "Finance Management" for up to date information
      - e. 2 areas of funding
        - 1) State Fiscal stabilization funds awarded to governors to stabilize budget, advance education and other government services
        - 2) Education grants: Title I and IDEA
      - f. 4 principles
        - 1) Spend funds quickly to save and create jobs
        - 2) Improve student achievement through school improvement and reform
        - 3) Insure transparency in reporting and accountability
        - 4) Invest one time ARRA funds thoughtfully to minimize "funding cliff"
      - g. Use funds for short term investment with potential for long term benefits
      - h. Build capacity for systemic improvements
    - 2. OSE-EIS work group
      - a. Figuring connections and how to address
      - b. Getting information to field as soon as possible
      - c. Presently running allocations
      - d. Applications will be available when ready; maybe late April, early May

- C. State Activities: New Rules
  - 1. State Complaint Procedures
  - 2. Extended School Year
  - 3. Effective when filed with the Office of the Great Seal (April 3, 2009)
  
- IX. Reports from Ex-Officio Members: NONE
  
- X. Ad Hoc Committee Reports: SEAC Bylaws and Procedures Committee
  - A. Finalization of SEAC by-law revisions today
  - B. Vote on revisions at May meeting
  
- XI. Subcommittee Reports: NONE
  
- XII. SEAC Learning: Standards-based IEPs by Patricia MacQuarrie, Ph.D.
  - A. IEPs must align with the general education curriculum. See handout: *Focus on Results*, April 2009
  - B. "Seven-Step Process to Creating Standards-based IEPs" from NASDSE's *Project Forum*, June 2007 (hand-out)
  - C. Sample "Goal and Objectives/Milestones" (hand-out)
  - D. "It's All About Children... 'All Children Are Special'" power point hand-out accompanied Dr. MacQuarrie's presentation
  - E. 03/31/04 Draft: Individualized Education Program (IEP), 11 pages handed-out at meeting
  - F. March 31, 2009, memorandum with 6-page attachment, "Standards-Based Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) Benefit Students", from Michael Flanagan, handed-out at meeting
  - G. May: pilot IEP
  - H. June: transition to new IEP form
  - I. Send suggestions to Pat MacQuarrie at [pmacquarrie@comcast.net](mailto:pmacquarrie@comcast.net)
  
- XIII. Facilitated Dialogue: Personal Curriculum (PC) and the Educational Development Plan (EDP)
  - A. Focused dialogue: relationship between the PC and the EDP
    - 1. What is a quality EDP?
    - 2. What is the relationship between the PC and the EDP?
    - 3. What are the implications for students?
    - 4. What are the implications for schools?
  - B. Review of *Personal Curriculum Supporting Materials and Examples*
  - C. Review of Sally Vaughn memo dated 03.02.09
  - D. Discussion of "unintended consequences" by Julie Daggett-Lawrence
  - E. All comments taken by Sandi Laham for document development
  
- XIV. Information Items<sup>1</sup>: By-law revision

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<sup>1</sup> Items requiring action by the SEAC are presented first as Information Items and then again as Action Items the following month.

- A. Procedure #8 will be omitted. Roles are outlined at beginning of By-laws and covered at the retreat
  - B. Procedure #4: change of order in items
- XV. Action Items: none
- XVI. Emerging Issue: Continuum of Placements
- A. Outline what may be an issue for next year
  - B. Research committee
    - 1. Julie Daggett-Lawrence
    - 2. Diane Lanham-Kullis
    - 3. Sheri Kraft
    - 4. Michel Lynn DeJulian
    - 5. Kathleen Kosobud
- XVII. Member Announcements
- A. Speech and Language Pathology Licensure requirements for Michigan Certification signed by the Governor: rules within next few months
  - B. *Austin's Movie*; documentary for local television on Brighton, Michigan, boy which won a Telly Award
  - C. MATCEI conference, Boyne, May 29-30
- XVIII. Future Agenda Considerations
- A. May 6, 2009: e-meeting
    - 1. Locations
      - a. Eaton ISD, Charlotte, Michigan
      - b. Delta-Schoolcraft ISD, Escanaba, Michigan
      - c. Macomb ISD, Clinton Township, Michigan
    - 2. Presentations
      - a. Vince Dean, Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability, MDE
        - 1) Results of MEAP Access pilot
        - 2) Summary of field review of eligibility criteria
      - b. Teresita Long, Office of Special Education and Early Intervention Services: CIMS-2 update
  - B. September 20-21, 2009: SEAC Retreat
  - C. 2009-2010 SEAC meetings
    - 1. First Wednesday of each month
    - 2. Begin October 07, 2009
    - 3. End June 02, 2010
- XIX. Process Check
- XX. Adjournment