

PASE Meeting Minutes

October 1, 2018

Members Present: Patricia Alvarez, Jennifer Chertos, Kristin Clark, Shanika Clark, Crystal Delaney-French, Jeni Gushiken, Jennifer Hagemann, Kim Hare, Lara Kitts, Kathy Kransberger, Sarah Kugler, Carol Lippert, Cindy Metoxen, Sara Middlebrook, Brenda Miller, Amanda Minnema, Karina Rhodes, Marla Schmude, Becky Shooltz, Nathan Steinberg

Guests: Kim Berkhof, Jessica Crampton, Brad Laackman, Jodi Mitchell, Mari Price, Jann VanAirdale

Excused: Deb Berg, Deb Dubbink, Stacey Manning, Julie Scott, Grace Smith, Lisa VanZee

I. Welcome and Announcements

Kristin Clark mentioned the show "Atypical" on Netflix is about a child with autism – a good show.

II. Approve Minutes of April 30, 2018

A motion was made to approve the minutes from April 30, 2018. Motion was approved with no opposition.

III. Superintendents' Advisory Committee Update

- Waiting for guidance from MDE for issue in MI of underreporting of seclusion/restraint usage. They are working on making districts more aware of requirements.
- Lincoln Developmental Center renovations – very nice but they are still finishing up a few things. Lincoln School will be renovated next – focus on health and safety (i.e. flooring, lighting, bathroom needs, etc.)

IV. Director's Report

- Center Program Review Update – GRPS no longer operating the center programs as starting in July, 2019. Kent ISD is taking them over. Beth Steenwyk will conduct Center Program Review. She is in Phase 1 – gathering info, town hall listening sessions and focus groups. Next, a Kent ISD team will visit and observe in all center programs. Phase 2 Beth will give a summary and recommendations. Transition takes place summer, 2019. There is more info on kentisd.org.
- Special Education Department Goals for 2018-19 – KISA goals: Kindergarten ready, 3rd grade reading proficiency, 8th grade math and college and career ready. Special Ed department is focusing on improving reading.
- Review topic schedule for 2018-19 – December 3 is Kindy Segovia presenting on Assistive Technology. Ideas for future meetings: meet the new center based program director, IEP/504, transitions, diploma and speech pathologist
- Professional Development Options for Parents – MI Council for Exceptional Children: parents interested in attending there are scholarships available to cover cost. Let Laurie know if interested. No LEAD Conference in 2019 (every other year now). Laugh & Learn is May 30, 2019. Transition Expo: Laurie will get info out

- ISD Plan Update – Waiting for final confirmation/approval from state (MDE)

V. Public Comment and Closing

No additional comments for closing.