

# PASE Meeting Minutes

April 15, 2024

**Members Present:** Jodi Bajko, Heather Bright, Jennifer Craig, Amanda Dill, Katie Foote, Kassie Franklin, Jennifer Gard, Maria Griffiee, Lindsey Kloeckner, Sarah Kugler, Maria Mora-Bowen, Karen Schwedler, Stacia Thrower, Jen Walli

**Guests:** Kurt Alderink, Dana Champion, Deborah Gross, Esmina Hamzagic, Toni Moore, Jann VanAirdale, Tim Voskuil

**Excused:** Crystal Delaney, Aryn Manni, Emily Perton, Erin Richardson, Nate Steinberg

## I. Welcome and Introductions

We welcomed new guests. Dana Champion (Supervisor at Caledonia) was one of our new attendees.

## II. Approve Minutes from February 5, 2024

Minutes were provided before the meeting. Heather Bright made the motion to approve the minutes and it was seconded by Casey Franklin.

**III. Michigan CEC Conference Opportunity** – The two parents that attended were not present. Jennifer will get a written update from parents and will share out. The Early Childhood DEC Conference @ CMU takes place on May 5, 2024 at a cost of \$30 for parents.

## IV. Supplementary Aids and Services – Kurt Alderink, Specially Designed Instructional Coach

- SAS: Accommodations, modifications, services and other supports
- Legal: IDEA requires each IEP to include SAS
- Ethical: Remove barriers ensuring equity. Provide support necessary
- Why SAS page comes before Goal Pages in IEP:
  - Special ed students are also gen ed
  - Look at barriers to see how they help him to access in gen ed
  - We want as much of LRE as possible
- 5 categories of SAS
  - Physical and accessibility
  - Instructional supports (modifications to curriculum, grading, etc0
  - Behavior: anxiety
  - Social communication supports
  - Collaborative support
- Accommodations to progress within gen ed curriculum
- Still need to meet grade level standards
- Modifications: for students unable to access or demonstrate proficiency in gen ed curriculum
- Services and other supports: includes personal care (help w/toileting, eating, etc.)

## V. Personal Curriculum – Tim Voskuil, Special Education Compliance Consultant

- Kent County compared to rest of state. Kent can improve diploma graduation rates (is much lower right now). PCs have a significant effect in dropout rates.
- MMC: Michigan Merit Curriculum graduates need to: communicate and collaborate, argument and reasoning
- A PC offers an alternative choice for students who need a more tailored approach to learning

- A PC can change the 18 credits required in the MMC
- 4 Types of PC:
  - For students with IEP all 18 credits can be modified to meet the requirements. Example:  
replace Algebra 2 with a trade as construction work-based learning (WBL) or English 4  
replace with internship at a local organization developing their social media.

**VI. Public Comment and Closing**

- Last meeting of the school year. It is important to learn early about transitions later in life, so the more we learn now the better prepared we will be.