

Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE)
Special Education Advisory Panel (SEAP)

Friday, July 17, 2015

Minutes – Official

The July 17, 2015 meeting of the Special Education Advisory Panel (SEAP) was called to order at 9:11 A.M. Members present were: Dr. Holly Boffy, Ms. Andrea Bond, Ms. Cindy Champagne, Ms. Lynette Fontenot, Mr. Mark Martin, Dr. Paul Mooney, Mr. Melvin Porter, Ms. Rana Ottallah, , Ms. Susan Vaughn, and Ms. Patsy White. Ms. Karene Lynch served as a proxy for Ms. Toni Buxton and Ms. Robin Burcham served as a proxy for Ms. Rebecca Hanberry. Mr. Reginald Browhow, Ms. Bonnie Buckelew, Ms. Kimberlee Gazzolo, Ms. Amanda Trahan, Ms. Trenisha Stanislas, Ms. April Taylor and Ms. Pittre Walker were absent.

Representing the Louisiana Department of Education were Bridget Devlin, Patrick Walsh, Jamie Wong, and Kristi-Jo Preston.

Public comments were received from Paula Rodriguez, Shawn Fleming, Ashley McReynolds, James Macika, Mary Smith, Melodie Sparks, Brynn Millet, Larry Gage and Allison LeBlanc.

The meeting was called to order by chair, Ms. Holly Boffy.

Ms. Buxton made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 27, 2015 Special Education Advisory Panel meeting. The Panel's response was as follows:

- 1 On motion of Mr. Porter, and seconded by Ms. Vaughn, the Special Education Advisory Panel approved the minutes of the March 27, 2105 meeting of the Panel.

Patrick Walsh provided a report on the IDEA monitoring protocol.

- 2 On motion of Mr. Porter, and seconded by Ms. Vaughn, the Special Education Advisory Panel received the report and recommended the LDE increase the parent voice included in the monitoring process, provide face to face engagement on the process for district special education directors, and report back to the panel on the process at the July 2016 and, if possible, January 2016 SEAP meetings.

Bridget Devlin presented an accountability update for the Career Diploma pathway for students assessed on the Louisiana Alternate Assessment, Level 1 (LAA 1) and Jamie Wong presented on the 2014-2015 preliminary LAA 1 participation data.

- 3 On motion of Mr. Martin, and seconded by Ms. Champagne, the Special Education Advisory Panel received the policy update pertaining to students assessed on the LAA 1.

Jamie Wong presented a report on the LDOE guidance for the implementation of Act 250 (2015) which revised the Deaf Child Bill of Rights.

Ms. Ottalah offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Porter, to recommend the LDE add a communication plan template to the supporting documentation section of the IEP.

A Roll Call Vote was taken.

Yeas: Mr. Melvin Porter, Ms. Rana Ottalah, and Ms. Patsy White

Nays: Ms. Andrea Bond, Ms. Cindy Champagne, Ms. Lynette Fontenot, Mr. Mark Martin, Dr. Paul Mooney, Ms. Susan Vaughn

Abstentions: Dr. Holly Boffy

The motion failed.

- 4 On motion of Mr. Martin, seconded by Ms. White, the Special Education Advisory Panel received the report and recommended the LDE develop a training module and guidance related to the communication section of the IEP.

Jamie Wong provided a presentation on special education planning resources for the 2015-2016 school year.

On motion of Mr. Martin, and seconded by Ms. Bond, the Special Education Advisory Panel received the presentation on special education planning resources for the 2015-2016 school year.

Kristi-Jo Preston provided a report on the Local Education Agency determination formula review process.

- 5 On motion of Ms. Fontenot, and seconded by Ms. Champagne, the Special Education Advisory Panel received the report on the Local Education Agency determination formula review process.

- 6 With no further business to come before the panel, the July 17, 2015 meeting of the Special Education Advisory Panel was adjourned at 12:16 P.M.