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February 26, 2013 Meeting
Indiana State Advisory Council (SAC)
on the Education of Children with Disabilities
H. Dean Evans Community and Education Center
8550 Woodfield Crossing Blvd.
Indianapolis, IN, 46240

Council Members

Present (Yes/No)

Shirley Amond , Ind Schl for the Blind & Visually Impaired Board and parent	Y
Rich Burden , IN*SOURCE and parent	Y
Kim Dodson , ARC of Indiana	N
Dawn Downer , First Steps	Y
Dr. Karol Farrell , Director of Special Education, MSD of Washington Twp	Y
James Hammond , INARF, Inc.	Y
Cathlene Hardy Hansen , parent	N
Julie Havill , parent	N
Bessie Henson , parent	N
Jan Huffman , parent	Y
Lisa Kovacs , Guide by your Side and parent	Y
Becky Kirk , parent	Y
Toni Maley , Indiana State Department of Health	Y
John Nally , Indiana Department of Correction	Y
Dr. Jane Swiss , University of St. Francis School of Professional Studies	Y
Kristi Tesmer , parent	Y
Lucy Witte , Indiana School for the Deaf Board	Y
Thelma Wyatt , parent	N

Also Present

From the Indiana Department of Education:
State Superintendent of Public Instruction Glenda Ritz
Nicole Norvell
Tracy Brunner
John Hill

Guests:

Dr. Susan Lockwood, Director of Juvenile Education Services, Indiana Department of Corrections
Catherine Ramsey, parent of a child with a disability

Call to Order

Council Chair Karol Farrell called the meeting to order at 9:35 a. m. Twelve of eighteen members were present. Before introducing the first agenda item, the Chair welcomed guests and the newly appointed Indiana School for the Deaf Board representative then asked all attendees to introduce themselves. At the Chair's request State Superintendent Ritz made opening remarks, shared her vision regarding local support for Special Education as well as her focus on student literacy and school culture, then responded to questions and comments from the council members who were present.

Information Items

Part B Budget: Following a brief break, State Director of Special Education Nicole Norvell discussed Indiana's proposed Part B Budget, describing the proposed changes to specific line items. Nicole fielded questions then

discussion followed concerning the anticipated transition from the funding model, programs and resources in the previous versus proposed budget. Nicole requested the Council's input regarding funding distribution and allocation approaches. She concluded by describing the process for submitting proposals responsive to new grant opportunities soon to be announced by the IDOE Office of Special Education.

SAC Legislative Committee Report: Tabled until the next meeting. Committee Chair Kim Dodson was unable to attend or provide an electronic copy prior to the meeting.

SAC Membership Committee Report: Committee Chair Lisa Kovacs gave a status update on the committee's recent work to review statutory and Bylaws requirements for Council membership then draft written recommendations for SAC member appointees. These will be forwarded to the Indiana Department of Education and shared with State Superintendent of Public Instruction Glenda Ritz. The committee also prepared suggested SAC Bylaws amendments to be considered by the full council. SAC Chair Karol Farrell thanked the committee for its work and advised that the proposed Bylaws amendments would be shared with council members for review.

Action Items

Following a motion and second regarding each, the council voted to approve the minutes of the September and November 2012 meetings.

At the Chair's request there was a motion and second to appoint Lisa Kovacs as Vice Chair of the State Advisory Council on the Education of Children with Disabilities. In discussion prior to the vote, council members noted the statutory requirement for individuals with disabilities and parents of children with disabilities to compose the majority of council membership; therefore, the group consensus was that it is appropriate to involve a parent in this council leadership role. The council members present then voted to approve Lisa Kovacs' appointment as the 2013 SAC Vice Chair.

Reminding everyone that the next council meeting will be May 17, 2013, Chair Karol Farrell noted the need to set meeting dates for the remainder of this calendar year. She suggested and the members present agreed to the following additional 2013 meeting dates: Friday, September 13, 2013 and Friday, November 8, 2013. All 2013 meeting dates will be posted on the State Advisory Council page on the IDOE public Web site.

Recommendations and Concerns of the Council Members

Chair Karol Farrell thanked Lisa Kovacs for agreeing to serve as Vice Chair of the Council in 2013. John Nally thanked Karol Farrell for inviting the new State Superintendent of Public Instruction to attend the meeting.

Public Comment

There were no comments.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:27 a.m.