

The Arc Michigan Education Committee
Meeting Minutes
8/10/2023

Meeting came to order at 10:00am via Zoom.

Present: Michelle Driscoll, Debbie Whitford, Kenya Harper, Sue Lind, Katherine Mills, Maggie Kolk, and Emily Henderson

Meeting minutes from June 2023 meeting were previously sent out to committee members. This was a special meeting to work on revising Arc Michigan Education Committee Position Statements. There was no review of the meeting minutes or a SEAC report at this meeting. Regular monthly meetings will resume in September.

Committee members did introductions and welcomed Katherine Mills to the committee.

This was the first meeting of the new day/time-1st Thursday of the month (with a couple of exceptions) from 10-11:30am.

Legislative update

Emily Henderson, Governmental Affairs Consultant and Lobbyist for Arc Michigan with McCall Hamilton, joined us for this meeting to share a legislative update.

There will not be a lot of work done after November, so it will be a fast couple of months to see what can get done. Session days this fall could be limited to due to two democratic House members- Rep, Lori Stone (Warren) and Rep. Kevin Coleman (Westland) who are running in their respective primaries for their city mayoral seats. Should they win in November, the 56-54 democratic majority in the House could become a 54-54 democratic/republican split.

Additionally, the MI legislature may adjourn the upcoming session in early November to allow for the Michigan presidential primary to be held earlier in 2024 (February).

Committee work

The remainder of the meeting time was spent reviewing the following Position Statements and providing updates and comments. The Position Statements reviewed were:

- **Universal Design for Learning** (est. 2007)
- **Pathways to Kindergarten** (2009)
- **Schoolwide Positive Behavior Supports** (2010)

Drafts of the Position Statements with revisions will be sent out with these meeting notes. Committee members will review them and be prepared to continue revising the documents at the next committee meeting on September 7.

The next meeting is Thursday, September 7 – 10:00am-11:30am

Monthly Meeting Dates (2023-2024)

Sep 7, 2023

Oct 5, 2023

Nov 9, 2023 (Date change due to SDC)

Dec 7, 2023

Jan 11, 2024 (Date change due to winter break)

Feb 1, 2024

Mar 7, 2024

Apr 4, 2024

May 2, 2024

Jun 6, 2024

Jul 4, 2024

Aug 1, 2024

Join Zoom Meeting

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The meeting adjourned at 11:30am.

Respectfully Submitted,
Michelle Driscoll