

**The Arc Michigan Education Committee
Meeting Minutes
9/7/2023**

The meeting came to order at 10:02am via Zoom.

Present: Michelle Driscoll, Debbie Whitford, Kenya Harper, Andrea Beachnau, Emily Henderson, Katherine Mills, Maggie Kolk, Deborah Moffat, Kelsey Biswanger, Darlene Heard-Thomas, and Sue Lind.

Meeting minutes from August 10 were approved.

Agenda Review:

The October 5 Education Committee meeting is being rescheduled to October 12. SEAC moved their meeting to the 5th due to Count Day.

There is no SEAC report this month.

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.

Emily gave a recap of what we are expecting for committee members who weren't present last month. Legislators reconvened this week to tidy up on bills left over from early summer. The legislature needs to adjourn in November to allow for the MI presidential primary to be held in February. If the legislature does not adjourn in November, the primary will stay in March. Earlier Legislation pending could be in a stall but may be able to come back and vote on bills. Not giving much information on what we can expect in November. Continuing to follow bills on mental health, school counselors and safety. Bills have not moved. Bills on climate change and reproductivity are taking precedence. HB 4081 (Guidance counselors) could be one of the bills that may move, but not sure yet. The legislature is just getting started back up and committees are working on establishing agendas.

Committee work:

We continued reviewing and revising the following Position Statements. Please review the current draft Position Statements using this link (let Michelle know if you have any problems using the link) [Position Statements - For Review](#)

When reviewing the shared documents, ONLY ADD COMMENTS. DO NOT EDIT THE DOCUMENT!

(feel free to download the documents and edit them on your own copy)

Michelle will compile the comments and make changes as noted. The committee will continue work on the Position Statements at the October meeting.

Below are some points discussed during our review-

- **Universal Design for Learning** (est. 2007)
 - Discussion on highlighted and word strikes in revised document
 - Personal Curriculum wording taken from MDE
 - Adjusted acronyms after using full wording the first time in the document.
 - Michelle will make changes and refine the document for review.

- **Pathways to Kindergarten** (2009)
 - Changed "special needs" to "disabilities"
 - Defining supports and services
 - Adjustment made to what Arc proposes for getting ready for kindergarten
 - Changed "non-disabled peers" and "typically developing" to "children without disabilities".

- **Schoolwide Positive Behavior Supports** (2010)
 - Discussion on BIP adjustments, proactive vs. reactive/punitive, doing more FBAs, BIP is "ineffective" vs. "not working"

The next meeting is Thursday, October 12 from 10:00am-11:30am

Monthly Meeting Dates (2023-2024)

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| Oct. 12, 2023 | (changed from Oct. 5 due to SEAC) |
| 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 | |
| Aug 1, 2024 | (If needed) |

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The meeting adjourned at 11:28am.

Respectfully Submitted,
Michelle Driscoll for Debbie Whitford