

**The Arc Michigan Education Committee
Meeting Minutes
October 6, 2021**

Meeting came to order at 3:30pm via Zoom.

Present: Maggie Kolk, Michelle Driscoll, Kenya Harper, Chesley Giertz, Deb Moffat, Sue Lind, Darlene Heard-Thomas, Debbie Whitford

There is no SEAC Report for this meeting.

- Education Committee Meeting Minutes from 9.1.2021 meeting were approved.
- Maggie, Debbie and Michelle participated in a meeting hosted by the Student Advocacy Center to discuss action that individuals and organizations can take regarding Senate Bills 634, 635 and 636 (expulsion prevention). It is a three-bill package to revise Michigan's school discipline code and reduce school removals. For more information <https://actionnetwork.org/letters/expulsionprevention>

The Arc Michigan and Michigan Alliance for Families have signed on to a letter urging the education committees to have a hearing on these bills.

- The remainder of the meeting focused on updating the Transition Position Statement. A draft was completed and emailed to committee members. Members are asked to provide feedback to Maggie via email by **Friday, October 15**. Maggie will correct/revise as necessary and submit the final Transition to Adulthood Position Statement to Sherri. It will be presented to The Arc Michigan Board of Directors for feedback and approval at the next Board meeting.

The next meeting will be held on November 3 from 3:30-5pm via Zoom.
The meeting adjourned at 4:45pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Michelle Driscoll