



RIGHT TO EDUCATION
LOCAL TASK FORCE 23

Local Task Force Right to Education
February 6, 2018 Meeting Minutes

In attendance:

Dr. Lois Robinson, Director of Student Services - MCIU
Dan Currie, Supervisor of Spec. Ed. - Spring-Ford SD
Gail Katch, Program Administrator - MCIU

Lorinda Moyer – MCIU
Marisa Crapella, MCIU
Megan Zweiback – Souderton
Nancy Lezynski – Souderton
Sandy Katz, Parent - Methacton
Yadir Cruz, Parent – North Penn
Colleen Kutz, Parent – Methacton

Cecelia Lee, Parent – Upper Merion
Yallappa, Parent
Anita Nair, Parent – Hatboro-Horsham
Elena Berzins, Parent – Upper Moreland
Ramona, Parent - Methacton
Betsy winter Hall – Zoom
Lisbeth Little – Zoom
Additional viewers were present via Zoom

Handouts:

- State Task Force Meeting Minutes – November 7, 2017
- Local Task Force (LTF) Meeting Minutes – December 5, 2017
- Secondary Transition Resources
- Other referenced materials available on LTF website

Call to Order:

Dr. Robinson called the February 6, 2018 meeting of the LTF to order at 9:25 a.m.

Welcome:

Dr. Robinson welcomed the group and thanked everyone for attending. Introductions were made by all.

Business:

Dr. Robinson reviewed the LTF meeting minutes from December 5th. She reiterated that Ann Hinkson-Herman and Keith Focht were aware of the situation regarding the LTF chair and vice chair positions. They support MCIU taking the lead on the LTF meetings until elections are held. The April meeting will be for nominations and elections will follow in May. Dr. Robinson reviewed the STF meeting minutes from November 7, 2017. January minutes have not yet been posted. Of note was the press release regarding \$7.2 million grant to assist students with behavior needs. The grant was awarded to PaTTAN East. The program will be rolled out in phases and focus on middle school students. Also announced was the partnership with CVS Health to create jobs. Governor Wolf is working to make Pennsylvania a model state in creating a climate hospitable to workers with a disability.

Dr. Robinson reviewed the STF - Bureau of Special Education Report. Of note was the HELIX conference in November. More than 450 participants from across the state attended to explore topics and strategies for maximizing the instruction and achievement of students with low incidence disabilities. There are a number of upcoming trainings at PaTTAN listed on the report which is available on the LTF website.



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With no further business matters for discussion, Dr. Robinson introduced the speakers for Navigating the System of Education. The LTF meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Upcoming Meetings:

- April 3, 2018 – Executive Functioning, Nominations for Chair and Vice Chair
- May 22, 2018 – Elections, Dates and topics for the 2018-19 school year