



RIGHT TO EDUCATION
LOCAL TASK FORCE 23

Local Task Force Right to Education
December 4, 2018 Meeting Minutes

In attendance:

Tiffany D'Amore, Co-Chair, Abington
Cecelia Lee, Co-Chair, Upper Merion
Dan Currie, Assistant Director, MCIU Rep.
Christine Raber, District Rep., Spring-Ford SD
Sandy Katz, Parent - Methacton
Yadir Cruz, Parent – North Penn
Clare Higgins – Mental Health Partnerships
AnnMarie Lucas – Director, North Penn SD

Additional viewers were present via Zoom
Annique Ruiz-Brown - Pottsgrove
Nicole Schrage – Springfield Liaison

Review:

- Local Task Force (LTF) Meeting Minutes – October 9, 2018

Welcome:

Dan Currie welcomed the group and everyone introduced themselves. The upcoming State Task Force meeting dates were reviewed. Mr. Currie will attend future State Task Force meetings and share pertinent information.

The presenter, Keith Focht, State Task Force Chairperson was introduced. Mr. Focht handed out State Task Force Handbooks and pamphlets. He explained his role, the history and purpose of the State Task Force. Topics of discussion included:

- How to increase LTF participation.
- Suggestions
 - Post minutes on LTF website after meetings.
 - Introduce zoom participants at meetings. Have easier zoom instructions available.
 - Update LTF website to explain what the LTF is and include the board members' contact info.
 - Make information easier to access for parents. Include Facebook, Twitter, etc.
 - Communicate with district LEAs: have them tell teachers to share the LTF info with parents. Have LTF information on the district website.
 - Constantly send out relevant information to membership.
 - Spread the news by word of mouth.
 - Take meetings out to other locations, make family friendly and take attendance.
 - Share LTF minutes with Mr. Focht.

Committee discussion on future meeting topics.

- Additional Meeting added. January 8, 2019 - Understanding Extended School Year (ESY). Christine Raber, Special Education Supervisor, Spring-Ford and Damian Johnston, Director Special Education and Student Services, Springfield Township will review eligibility criteria and answer questions as they relate to state regulations.
- February 5, 2019 – The Early Intervention Journey. I had my transition meeting, now what? A discussion on what happens between the initial meeting with your school district and the first day of kindergarten. Hear from district and parent perspectives.

The LTF meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Future Meetings for 2018/2019

- NEW January 8, 2019 - Understanding Extended School Year
- February 5, 2019 – The Early Intervention Journey
- April 9, 2019 – Autism Awareness
- May 14, 2019 – Mental Health Awareness/Business