



**ADVISORY
COUNCIL** for the
EDUCATION of
STUDENTS with
DISABILITIES

**Minutes
October 21, 2013**

**Goodwill Industries of Middle TN
1015 Herman Street
Nashville, TN 37208**

Members of Council in Attendance

Cynthia Cheshier, Chair
Chip Fair, Vice-Chair
Alfred M. Hacker
Amy Murphy
Anne Robertson
Brian Brown
Catherine Knowles
Darlene Walden
Debra Lane
James Topp
Janelle Glover
Jason Vance
Jeff Ker
Katie Culberson
Kyle Hauth
Mary Meador
Paula Brownyard
Sebrena St. John
Shannon Taylor

Members Not in Attendance

Chantal Hess-Taylor
David Craig
Dawn Bradley
Mary Johnson
Rhonda Whitt

TDOE Employees in Attendance

Joey Hassell, Assistant Commissioner
Jerry Bush, Deputy Assistant Commissioner
Steve Sparks, TDOE – AC Contact
Tabatha Siddiqi, TDOE – AC Contact
Allison Davey, TDOE
Bill Wilson, Office of General Council
Catherine Goodwin, TDOE
Gary Smith, TDOE
Joann Lucero, TDOE
Nathan Travis, TDOE
Rachel Wilkinson, TDOE
Ryan Mathis, TDOE
Shannon Pargin, TDOE
Suzanne Keefe, TDOE
Theresa Nicholls, TDOE
Tie Hodack, TDOE

Visitors in Attendance

Angela Webster
Dana Danner
Hunter Hancock
Lynette Porter

Welcome

- Cynthia Cheshier, Council Chair, began the meeting by welcoming everyone and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Amend the agenda

- Lori Nixon will be the first presenter for the state, after the public input,
- Under new business, we will have officer elections for Chair and Vice-Chair. Mr. Hassell will be handling those elections. Agenda amendments approved.

Approval of July 22, 2013 Minutes

- Catherine Knowles was in attendance. Minutes approved.

Report from the Chair

- AC member manuals were updated and distributed at the October 20, 2013 meeting.
- Overview of goal year outline.
- The AC Goals modified at the October 20th work session are the new goals for the 13-14 annual reporting period.
- The goals prior to these were for the 12-13 reporting period and activities supporting them should be found in the archived agendas/presentations.
- Goal revisions were presented and the updated teams verified for each goal.
- Chip led this discussion and the Council voted for acceptance at the conclusion of the goals review/discussion.
- The department will start relating the progress on goals at each quarterly council meeting and will dedicate a part of the agenda to certain goals for progress monitoring/department activities.
- Motion was made and passed to accept the revised goals for 2 years (2013-14 and 2014-15 reporting periods).
- Goals can be updated annually if required.

Department Input

Department introductions

Presentation of the letter to NASDSE (AC Goal 3) Assistant Commissioner, Joey Hassell

Accommodations Manual (AC Goal 1) Lori Nixon

- Manual was sent out to superintendents last week and will be sent to Special Education directors this upcoming week and reflected in the Special Education Director update.

Annual Conference Update (AC Goals 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8) Suzanne Keefe

- Feb. 11th-Feb. 13th at the Opryland Hotel. Information coming in mid-December on registration, hotel reservations, etc.

RTI²/ Instructionally Appropriate IEP's (AC Goals 1, 7, 8) Tie Hodack

- Angela Webster- Disabilities coalition, working on the training for the parents with RTI².
- Utilized advocacy groups to help get the word out.
- Training is planned for regular education Superintendents and administrators, across the state, in the upcoming months.

RTI²/ Parent Site Trainings (AC Goals 7, 8) Theresa Nicholls

Annual Performance Report (APR) (AC Goals 1, 2, 8) Steve Sparks &
APR Indicator review and stakeholder input activities Rachel Wilkinson

- Overview of Indicator #1. (Graduation with regular diploma).
- Indicator #4 (Suspension Rate).
- Dispute resolutions: 88 written complaints, 20 of these resulted in issues of non - compliance (¼).
- Failure of the LEA to implement a portion of an IEP.
- Some complaints beyond IDEA.
- Due process complaint: 55 filed with only 1 going to a hearing.
- Resolution sessions (convened within 15 days of the complaint filed).
- 57% of these settlements are resolved.
- Goals met in both of these areas.

Other New Business

Officer Elections (AC Goal 7) Joey Hassell

- Jim Topp nominated Cynthia Cheshier for Chair. Elected.
- Cynthia Cheshier nominated Chip Fair for Vice-Chair. Elected.

2014 Council Meeting Dates:

Monday, January 13, 2014

Monday, April 14, 2014

Monday, July 14, 2014

Monday, October 13, 2014

The new location for all of the 2014 meetings is:

Scarritt Bennett Conference Center

1008 19th Avenue South

Nashville, TN 37212-2166

Adjourn