

10/10/2019 ODLSS PAC Meeting Notes - DRAFT

Welcome & Call To Order

- Chairperson Denise Dyer called the meeting to order at 6:10 PM

Agenda

- Motion to approve the agenda: (1) Helen Youngberg; (2) Shannon Stevens; unanimous approval

Minutes

- Motion to approve the minutes from previous meeting: (1) Helen Youngberg; (2) Shannon Stevens; unanimous approval

Old Business – Name Change

- Members had been asked to brainstorm possible new names for the group; options were shared at the meeting. 3 possible new names for the group were identified and a vote to select one will be completed at the next meeting. Those options are:
 1. SPED-PEC – Special Education Parent Empowerment Committee
 2. SEPAC – Special Education Parent Advisory Committee
 3. SPED Parent Committee

New Business – Future Speakers/Presentations

- January 2020: Due Process & Facilitated IEP (already scheduled)
- February 2020: Diverse Learner Sexual Health Education. Motion to schedule this presentation and invite Dr. Fox: (1) Helen Youngberg; (2) Shannon Stevens; unanimous approval.
- March 2020: Citywide Assessment Team. Motion to schedule this presentation and invite the appropriate presenter: (1) Mary Ottinot; (2) Helen Youngberg; unanimous approval.
- April 2020: CSO & CAU. Motion to schedule this presentation and invite the appropriate presenter: (1) Sandra ; (2) Mary Ottinot; unanimous approval.

Chair Report

- Chairperson Denise Dyer shared her comments and noted that feedback from the last meeting was followed-up on to address individual needs and a group theme around criticism for ODLSS-PAC parents needing to be more positive.

Committee Reports

- Transition: Committee has met twice and is focused on 3 components of transition – (1) into CPS; (2) into HS; (3) after HS. How can we have what other districts have? Members were asked to view a Micro-Board Committee webinar.
- Diverse Leader Committees in Schools: Was there someone who volunteered to help write materials? One school was visited in the past month to successfully help champion the creation of a new committee. Members are asked to help identify additional schools particularly on the south and west sides that we can support in creating school-level committees. FYI, there is an advocacy group working to champion this cause legislatively.

- PAC Vision Statement: No meeting this month. Clarity is needed regarding who is currently serving on this committee. Dr. Jones will share slides regarding her refreshed ODLSS Vision with the membership.

'Go CPS' Presentation

- Presenters included Cynthia Sanders (Manager, School Assignment) and Theresa Robles / Sarah Register (Office of Access & Enrollment). Slides will be shared from this presentation.
- Discussion centered around how parents can get more dialogue, collaboration, and, when necessary, escalation around these decisions.
- ODLSS-PAC Members were asked to review the Raise Your Hand report on this topic.
- Dr. Jones shared that she is very connected to this being a hot topic for Special Education students and families. Decisions around school assignment are implemented by OAE, but ultimately the strategy and guidance around how it works is decided by CPS Leadership. She continues to work at the Chief-level on this topic and will share updates with the membership.

ODLSS Updates

- Parent University schedule – 2 handouts
- SSCA – Notification was sent out to different audiences using different means; progress in meetings for individual students has been halted because of the need to further refine what is being offered and to gather required public feedback about the policy document.

Public Comment and Feedback Forms

- It was requested that an update be provided at the next meeting regarding SSCA.
- It was announced that Mary Ottinot and Sarah Hernandez were selected to join the Board of Governors

Adjourn

- Meeting was adjourned at 8:02 PM