

Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)

IDEA B State Advisory Panel

Zoom Meeting

1:00 PM- 4:00 PM

Thursday, June 9, 2022

Present

Aaron Bullock, Penny Cantley, Latisha Coats, Malissa Cook, Rita Echelle, Joshua Hawkins, Tiffany Jenkins, Tina Kaminski, Michelle Keiper, Bonnie McBride, Janice Morris, Sonya Parsons, Jen Randle, Allyson Robinson, Terry Spigner, Lori Wathen, Linda Whaley, and Lori Wieder.

Absent

Sharon Baker, JoAnne Blades, Jamie Brock, Kathy Brown, Latisha Coats, Kaylin Coody, Malissa Cook, Malarie Deardorff, Chris Dvorak, Darci Forrester, Melinda Fruednt, Cindy Gould, Marsha Herron, Lynn Hodge, Tara Hood, Jordan House, Michelle Koehn, Jamie Lahey, Amber Ledbetter, Sharon Long, Cassie Lynch, Kylie Lyons, Becky Moore, Sonya Parsons, Ashley Rhoades, Jennifer Robinson, Ashlee Robson, Julie Sanders, and Mandy Seward.

State Department of Education Employees

Abby Johnson and Todd Loftin

Dr. Penny Cantley (Chair): Welcome

Dr. Penny Cantley called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm.

Todd Loftin: OSDE Updates

Todd Loftin began the meeting with a discussion of what the Office of Special Education Services is currently working on. He highlighted the following topics:

Special Education Policies & Procedures

- Our office has been working on revising the Special Education Policies and Procedures handbook. Feedback from stakeholder groups has been obtained and used to provide guidance in the editing process. Additionally, two public hearings were conducted in May which provided additional perspectives.
- Panel members were shown draft policies and provided opportunity to comment as needed.

Dr. Penny Cantley: Priority Summary

Dr. Cantley opened a discussion centered around the panel priorities for the 2021-2022 panel year. Panel members provided their input, with answers varying for each priority. The discussion highlights are summarized below:

Progress Monitoring

- Provide professional development to teachers on progress monitoring. The focus of the professional development should be consistency in reporting.
- Provide training to parents on understanding the expectations of the school related to progress monitoring; what will this look like, are the goals the same year to year, etc.
- Ensure that quarterly reports are provided to parents.

Technology

- Parents need to know about the technology used and how to access the information about their children.
 - Multiple inconsistencies with protocols.
 - Clarify what the different spaces are for, and which links you use to access them.
- Provide students access to technology over the summer and larger breaks.
 - Include assistive technology/technology used to access learning materials.
- Professional development for teachers and parents
 - Related to assistive technology including when related to AEM (accessibility educational materials)
 - Make directions easy to understand for both technology and assistive technology.

Penny Cantley: Closing Remarks

Panel members are encouraged to nominate a new vice chair for the 2022-2023 panel year. The vice chair will become the chair of the 2023-2024 panel. As well as lead all IDEA B Advisory Panel meetings, appoint committee members, serve on executive committee, and develop meeting agendas. The panel members were provided a survey link to nominate their selection.

Todd Loftin (OSDE): Adjourn

Motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded, meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.