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*STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION*



**Connecticut State Advisory Council for Special Education**

**Executive Committee**

**Wednesday, September 2, 2020**

**\*\*\*\*\* 12:15 p.m. to 1:00 p. m. \*\*\*\*\***  
Teams Meeting

**MINUTES**

**Members Present:** Tom Cosker (Past Chair), Tammy Raccio (Chair), Jen Lussier (Vice Chair), Nachi Bhatt, Susan Lemke, Bryan Klimkiewicz (Non-voting), Sean Cronin (Non-voting) and Jolie Medina

I. **Call to Order:** Tom called to order at 12:19 p.m.

II. **Public Comment:** N/A

SAC meetings are public meetings and members of the public may participate.  
Call-In Number: 866-880-0098  
Participant Code: 89689633

III. **Council Matters:**

Tammy starts by talking addendum 11 and masks. Tom comments on appreciating guidance on masks. Bryan further discussed the guidance and the commissioner visiting schools that have opened, that has been going well. He also says OCA is worried about access for sped students and no in person service; talks about individual situations and districts needing to implement modifications. Tom talks about executive orders and how IDEA/ADA guidance still need to be followed but districts may not agree. Jen says CPAC is getting calls on LRP and homebound studies (LRE vs home). Bryan responds to Jen, they need to go back to PPT and help students acclimate quicker and better; they all talk anxiety and IEPs. Tom says maybe 2 weeks after school opens we can revisit topic. Tom mentions implementation plans and troubling communication from families regarding remote vs in person learning.

Susan talks further about IEPs templates and her district and their goal is to use as examples. Will be meeting again to further discuss district project and will be happy to share with other districts.

Bryan talks the September 16 back to school being online with recorded messages from Bryan and Commissioner Cardona then October 8 is keynote speakers. Bryan says that meetings are summarizing fall reopening and important parts that need to be reviewed again.

Tammy and Susan talk priority, Susan says communication with parents important--letting them know what to expect first and then resend the survey a few days after remote learning to a follow-up and to be able to review where parents are. Ongoing collaboration, communication important,

and needs to become realistic.

Committee discussed our 9/30 meeting, the agenda and timing of topics. Bryan talks about school reopening and questions that may come up. We talk about main topics that will need focus and results from the 7/22 meeting work priorities poll. Bryan asks Tammy about roundtable and her ideas. Tammy responds with an idea on reorganizing the roundtable and to consider grouping together stakeholders and giving 10 minutes to talk for each group.

Tammy heard USDA extended school lunches into December but the State doesn't know how to handle. Notice released on 8/31 and if students can go to school and are fed without funds in their account, that is something she would like to see done. She also asks for AR updates.

All decide that these meetings should go to the date of 9/23 and resume every other week beginning on 10/7.

Real advantage to piloting the IEP with districts and receiving feedback.

IV. **Summary/Action Items:**

Send BSE Back to School and October 8 meeting invites to the full SAC.

Jolie to send out Teams invites to the executive group for 9/9 to 9/23 and 10/07 to 10/21

V. **Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 1:05 pm