

ACESD Full Council Meeting Minutes

Virtual meeting via Zoom
August 30, 2024

Members Present:

Allison Adrian, Greta Bailey, Susan Beck, Valarie Bishop, Megan Burns, Shana Charles, Mary Lynne Diggs, Rebekah Francis-Barnes, Nikki Green, Denean Greene Rivers, Melissa Griffin, Danshelle Guy, Deborah Harris-Sims, Malerie Hartsell, Wendy Hite, Allison Huffstutler, Kimberly Humphrey, Kerri Kannengieser, Cathy Kovacs, Susan Luberoft, Padgett Mozingo, Gini Nichols, Yasmin O'Keefe, Niki Outen, Shannon Polchow, Lindsay Porter, Anne Radue, Teresa Rhodes, Megan Shiraldi, Lindsay Schmelzel, Liz Smithson, Nina Spinelli, Mary Stevenson, Meghan Trowbridge, Karen Tucker, Laura Vazquez, Margie Williamson, Mary Wood, Amber Woodward, Birley Wright, Elizabeth Young

Guests/SCDE Staff Present:

Beth (ASL Interpreter), Sherri Evans, Rebecca Faile (for Troy Hall), Cheryl Fitts, Lee Fletcher (for Louise Johnson), Stephen Goldfinch, Shayla Hayes, Shannon Jones, Peter Keup, Keri Knisley, Jena Martin (for Jennifer Buster), Lisa McCliment, Linda Menefee (for Jeni Garner), Missy (ASL Interpreter), Elizabeth Moore, Andy Roberts, Christine Roberts, Allison Rogers, Wendy Ward (for Susan Howard), LaToya Wiley

Welcome, call to order by Susan Beck, Chair 10:05 a.m.

Approval of Previous Minutes:

Nina Spinelli made a motion to approve minutes. Kerri Kannengieser seconded. There was no discussion. Approved.

Public Comment:

- Senator Stephen Goldfinch along with constituents Christine and Andy Roberts commented about the current state of providing services for students with dyslexia in Horry and Georgetown Counties. In Georgetown, the district's solution is to bus students great distances for services for there are no teachers who are certified in Orton Gillingham who are able to provide appropriate intervention. The Professional Development Committee will take up this issue.
- Susan Beck read a comment on behalf of Genia Batson. She is concerned about the SLD category of the new SEED document. Specifically, Ms. Batson is concerned that by not utilizing a discrepancy model, where one compares a student's ability to their

achievement, many dyslexic students, particularly those that are high achieving students, will not be identified under the new requirements. She fears that this new system will result in more IEEs, more due process cases, and, in the long run, more students filtering into the penal system.

Sub-Committee Meetings:

Committees met via Zoom breakout rooms.

Sub-Committee Reports:

Preschool: The committee welcomed new members and provided a summary of their recommendations and updates. There has been a significant increase (700+) of preschoolers in special education. Priorities include: a need for teacher recruitment and a state leadership team for inclusion.

Professional Development: The committee welcomed new members and provided updates about the committee's projects. OSES created seven parent training videos and would like feedback from the committee. The videos will be shared with districts, but the committee would like the videos to be shared with parents. The committee looks for ways to create advisory councils at the district level. The committee will team up with the Preschool Committee in October to tackle Indicator 5 (LRE).

Transition and Self Advocacy: The committee welcomed new members and recounted what happened in the last meeting. The committee continued working on the transition flyer, which helps parents understand the different levels of high school completion.

Safe Schools/Social Emotional Learning: The committee welcomed new members and reviewed trends in data along with indicators. Topics the committee is interested in include: the Handle with Care program, restraint procedures, trauma-informed care modules, data since including the suicide hotline number on school IDs, and SRO funding data.

OSES Updates:

- 2024 Determinations and Revision of the General Supervision Guide
 - Under the South Carolina 2024 Part B Results-Driven Accountability Matrix, South Carolina scored 67.50% or fell into the “needs assistance” category.
 - Where did the state lose points?
 - Timeline corrections from COVID school years
 - Compliance rate drop on Indicator 13 (transition)
 - Performance on NAEP
 - Graduation rate for students with disabilities (increased from 51% to 55%)
 - Dropout rate for students with disabilities (stayed at 31%)
 - Goals for the state's LEA determination system
 - Create and utilize useful measures for assessing LEA performance on IDEA implementation
 - Develop and implement a system that supports improvement of educational results and functional outcomes for students with disabilities

- Assist in tiering and targeting technical support provided by OSES and technical assistance partners
- Revised General Supervision Guide
 - OSES sent out the guide and other documents to OSEP for review on July 22, 2024.
 - OSES hopes to hear feedback from OSEP by September 30, 2024.
 - OSES will post the guide to the website after it is approved.
- OSEP Differentiated Monitoring System (DMS) Report
 - South Carolina was in Cohort 1. The investigation was conducted between July and November 2022, and the report was issued on April 24, 2024.
 - There were 6 findings of the state not being in accordance with IDEA.
 - OSES had already done work to correct three of the issues before the official report was issued.
- Update on Standards for Evaluations and Eligibility (SEED)
 - Mandatory implementation of the SEED begins in 2024-2025.
 - There were 4 training sessions over the summer with over 500 participants across the sessions.
 - The South Carolina Association of School Psychologists will offer follow-up sessions.
 - Vision and hearing will offer separate trainings.
 - OSES is creating a stakeholder group for an SLD guide.
- Status of State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP)
 - The state continues to roll out LETRS training.
 - Not seeing as much improvement as the state would like to see yet.
 - The question now becomes: How does the state keep the momentum going regarding LETRS training and teacher turnover?
- EDPlan SC Rollout
 - There have been some bumps with the rollout.
 - The parent portal will probably not be connected until next year.
 - The translation features are in play.
 - Greenville County Schools, Laurens 55, Newberry, and Spartanburg County School District 6 decided to stay with Enrich this year.

Announcements:

- The South Carolina Association of School Psychologists will hold their annual conference on October 16-18 in Columbia.
- SCPI will host its early childhood conference in Columbia on October 17.
- The Joint Citizens and Legislative Committee on Children is making their fall tour in September and October. Check out their [website](#) for specific dates and locations.
- The Professional Development Committee would like feedback on the videos developed by OSES. You can find the videos at this [link](#).
- With the October 25th council meeting being in person, Cheryl Fitts would like everyone to be on the lookout for the registration link where members can provide information about substitutes, accommodations, and food allergies. She will also provide information about seeking mileage reimbursement.

Motion to adjourn:

Valarie Bishop moved to adjourn. Padgett Mozingo seconded. Approved. Meeting adjourned at 1:58 p.m.

Next Advisory Council meeting: Friday, October 25, 2024