



State Advisory Panel

For Special Education

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MINUTES
State Advisory Panel Meeting
May 8-9, 2014
Marriott Macon City Center

May 8, 2014 – Magnolia AB

Time	Events																					
1:00 – 1:15	Welcome Panel Member Introductions	<p>Steve Derr, Chair, and Brian Mosley, Vice-Chair, will open the meeting and welcome members.</p> <p><u>The following panel members were present:</u></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Scott Bales</td> <td>Kyle Berry</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Susan Brown</td> <td>Denise Burrell</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Steve Derr</td> <td>Fanthnechia (Nicey) Dunbar</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Juree Hall</td> <td>Yashonda Hiles</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pam Hunter Dempsey</td> <td>Kristie Johnson-Gregory</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jacqueline (Angel) Little</td> <td>Linda Meiring</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Brian Mosley</td> <td>Candice Norris-Brown</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Danette Rogers</td> <td>Laurie Smith</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cathy Smith-Jackson</td> <td>Paul West</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Natie Whitlow</td> <td>Donnie Winokur</td> </tr> </table>	Scott Bales	Kyle Berry	Susan Brown	Denise Burrell	Steve Derr	Fanthnechia (Nicey) Dunbar	Juree Hall	Yashonda Hiles	Pam Hunter Dempsey	Kristie Johnson-Gregory	Jacqueline (Angel) Little	Linda Meiring	Brian Mosley	Candice Norris-Brown	Danette Rogers	Laurie Smith	Cathy Smith-Jackson	Paul West	Natie Whitlow	Donnie Winokur
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1:15 – 2:30	Assistive Technology	<p>Carson Cochran, GaDOE</p> <p>This presentation focused on the guidance that is available for IEP Teams to use when making a determination of need for assistive technology. A new consideration guide has been developed and shared with special education directors throughout the State.</p>																				
2:30 – 2:45	BREAK																					
2:45 – 4:00	Assistive Technology	<p>Carolyn Phillips, Program Director Tools for Life</p> <p>Carolyn provided information regarding tools for Life and the services they provide to individuals in our state. She also demonstrated many of the new devices and explained their applicability.</p>																				
6:00 – 7:00 DINNER (provided) – Magnolia CD																						

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7:00 – 8:00	Public Comment & DOE Updates- Magnolia AB	<p>GaDOE staff representative</p> <p>Updates regarding teacher evaluation and partnerships with other departments including school improvement.</p> <p>Updates on SPP/ APR and new State Systemic Improvement Plan.</p> <p>IDEAS conference</p> <p>CCRPI</p> <p>Special education public reports</p> <p>Expansion of Kennesaw program</p>

May 9, 2014 – Magnolia AB

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7:30 – 8:30	BREAKFAST (provided)	
8:30– 9:30	Committee Meetings	<p>All committees met and reported out to the group</p> <p><i>Operating Procedures:</i> No changes were recommended.</p> <p><i>Dispute Resolutions:</i> One case was discussed which is posted on the website</p> <p><i>Public Comment:</i> there was no public comment: Revisions will be made to the public comment guidance document and it will be posted for the 2014-2015 year.</p> <p><i>Family Engagement;</i> Discussion of ways to improve</p> <p>Membership committee reviewed applications and made recommendations for the State Board to approve. Kyle Berry will be the co- chair in 2014-2015. Brian Mosely will service as the chair.</p>
9:30 – 10:45	Georgia Assessment	<p>Melissa Fincher, Ph.D., Associate Superintendent GaDOE</p> <p>Dr. Fincher provided an update on the new assessments being planned for Georgia in 2014-2015. This will be a seamless assessment system for K-12. Georgia will continue with the GAA for one additional year.</p>
10:45 – 11:15	BREAK & CHECKOUT	

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11:15 – 12:00	Topics of Interest and wrap-up	<p>Steve Derr, Chair</p> <p>Tools for life visit, Warm Springs, update on assessments, discipline, PBIS.</p> <p>Panel requested full 2 day meeting to begin in Macon. Followed by 2 meetings at different locations and final meeting in Macon.</p>

Please note that the times listed above are approximate and may change except the public comment period. Every effort is made to begin the public comment at the appointed time. Pursuant to proposed Panel Policies and Procedures, a full 30 minutes is always allowed even if the start has been delayed. Comment time is limited 5 minutes per speaker so that all have a chance to be heard. For individuals desiring to make comment via telephone conference call, comment time needs to be scheduled with the SAP Chair a minimum of 3 business days prior to the meeting.