



Maryland SESAC

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SESAC General Meeting Minutes

November 18, 2020

10:00am-1:00pm

Attendees: Pamela Talley (Co-Chair), Leanne Carmona (Co-Chair), Marge Guldán (Co-Vice-Chair), Wendy Balda (Co-Vice-Chair), Sheila Billups, Melissa Surgeon, Kathy Kaufman, Dorie Flynn, Sally Farr, Christian Miele, Katharine Lander, Martha Goodman, Chiara Jaffe, Neil Lichter, Marlo Lemon, Karleen Spitulnik, Tiffany Williams, Dawn Greenberg, Rachel Stoyanov, Kathy Sciofiano, Carmen Brown, MSDE Staff to SESAC

Welcome: Pamela Talley and Leanne Carmona, SESAC Co-Chairs offered welcome and introductions for all members and guests on the call.

Division of Early Intervention and Special Education: Updated Technical Assistance Bulletins and Guidance Documents: Carmen Brown, DEI/SES Interagency Collaboration Branch Chief, provided an overview of each newly released Technical Assistance Bulletin and offered guidance to SESAC members on how to access and how to support others to access these documents and their contents. Links to the MSDE and Maryland Learning Links sites were provided.

Public Comment: Carmen Brown, DEI/SES Interagency Collaboration Branch Chief, noted that no one registered to provide public comment at the meeting.

Subcommittee Breakout sessions: Each SESAC member self-selected a subcommittee to participate in and also has the opportunity to participate in multiple sub-committees, if interested. Public links to each subcommittee breakout session were available.

SESAC SECAC Guidance/Legislation Subcommittee: Pamela Talley and Leanne Carmona, Co-Chairs facilitated a review and update of MSDE SECAC guidance. SESAC members offered insight and input into proposed language to further inform and guide local school system practices and benefit from SECAC membership and processes. The subcommittee will forward final draft narratives to Carmen Brown within the next few weeks for review by the Assistant State Superintendent and the Assistant Attorney General in hopes of release early in 2021.

Maryland On-Line IEP Update Subcommittee: Marge Guldán, Vice Co-Chair facilitated dialogue regarding the Maryland On-Line IEP system parent-friendly process and print-out. SESAC members held further discussion to add to process, function, wishes, and opportunities. Marge continued to manage all comments and suggestions. The SESAC anticipates final recommendations for the Assistant State Superintendent no later than April, 2021.

Secondary Transition Subcommittee: Wendy Balda, Vice Co-Chair facilitated discussion with SESAC members to further recommendations on Maryland's secondary transition process, rules, and guidance, as well as implementation differences across local school systems. Dialogued to document to identify goals, process, and plan implementation recommendations to offer to the Assistant State Superintendent no later than May 2021.

Meeting Adjourned from Subcommittee Working Meetings: Next Meeting – January 28, 2021