



Special Education Advisory Panel: Executive Committee Meeting

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Meeting Place: Hybrid Meeting - Microsoft Teams platform (Virtual Meeting) and Physical location option: The Classroom at UVM Extension, 327 US-302, Barre Montpelier Rd. Barre, VT 05641

Date: Thursday, March 23, 2023 – 4:30pm to 6:30pm

Present: Katie Ballard, Lisa Johnson, Dawn Campbell, Meg Porcella, Scarlett Duncan, Crista Yagjian, Rachel Seelig, Teagan Comeau- Guest: Sang Pham

Agenda:

4:30-4:40	Call meeting to order, approve minutes, Chair updates
4:40-4:45	Public Comment
4:45-5:10	Discuss work group updates
5:10-5:45	April Full Panel Agenda Planning
5:45-6:15	Brainstorming and planning for June Panel Meeting
6:15-6:25	Membership updates
6:25-6:30	Public Comment
6:30	Adjourn

Call meeting to order, approve minutes, Chair updates:

Meeting was called to order.

Dan French has resigned. SBOE will be looking to hire a new Secretary of Education as part of the Governor's cabinet. Heather Bouche will be the Interim Secretary of Education.

Public Comment:

Public comment was requested. No public comment was made.

Discuss work group updates:

Rachel Seelig updated the group on the School Safety Bill which creates committees to address threat assessments on campuses.

Rachel Seelig gave some information on the HB 409 that addresses Restraint and Seclusion.

Dawn Campbell gave an update on the Critical Staff Shortage.

There is a third bill addressing Independent Schools. This was a concern because schools may be able to dismiss students who are not making progress. This will be another work group.

April Full Panel Agenda Planning:

We will revisit the groups and utilize the breakout rooms at the full panel meeting.

We will put a standing item on the rule changes roll out.

Dan French had an hour reserved in the meeting, but we are not sure who will fill this void.

We will have 45 minutes for public work groups.

A presentation from the AOE on the SPPAPR will be given (45 minutes).

Group discussed back up plan in case Sec. French does not speak.

Brainstorming and planning for June Panel Meeting:

This is a full day and we want our work groups to meet in person and work on language for the letters that will come from the groups.

We may want to have someone come to speak to the panel on some of the points of interest about the bills. We may want to ask the same person who testified to the legislature.

Katie would like to have other members of the group lead different parts of the agenda for the meeting.

Group discussed ideas for discussion on parent experience, special education law and practice.

Rachel will do a new SWAT.

We will have an activity to promote best practices and/or positive experiences from the field.

Membership updates:

Katie is meeting with Secretary French to request that we keep our membership process the same until his successor gets to know the group. The panel needs to remain active in recruiting new members.

Members on the executive committee who are not officers are elected each year and must be elected before September, so a May or June election for the Executive Committee should be held. Executive Committee members who are officers have a two-year term.

We have a student and an educator interested in joining.

We need to continue to be made up of a majority of parents or people with disabilities committee. We need to do outreach for those groups to stay compliant with IDEA.

Public Comment:

Public comment was requested. No public comment was offered.

Adjourn:

Meeting was adjourned with no objections.

Meeting Schedule (hold the dates):

April 27, 2023, 4:30pm-6:30pm ([Hybrid meeting](#))

May 25, 2023, 4:30pm-6:30pm ([Hybrid meeting](#))

June 22, 2023, 4:30pm-6:30pm ([Hybrid meeting](#))