

**ILLINOIS STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL
ON THE EDUCATION OF
CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES**

Illinois State Board of Education
Board Room
100 North First Street
Springfield, Illinois 62777

Business Meeting
December 6, 2018
9:00 a.m.

I. Procedural Business

Chair Jennifer Naddeo called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. A quorum was present.

ISAC Members Present

Angela Baronello via phone
Dr. Bambi Bethel-Leitschuh
Diane Blair-Sherlock
Beth Conran
Jeannine Cordero via
phone

Keith Dronen via phone
Suzanne Lee
Kimberly McClellan
Ancel Montenelli
Jennifer Naddeo
Lauri Phillips

Serena Preston via phone
Diane Schultz
Carrie Snyder via phone
Susy Woods

ISAC Members Absent

Heath Brosseau

Elizabeth Keenan

ISBE Staff Present

Zak Allen
Dave Andel

Tammy Greco
Jason Helfer

Mary Long
Felicia Malloy

Guests Present

None

Introductions

Chair Naddeo welcomed ISAC members and staff and asked that they introduce themselves.

Adoption of Agenda

Motion #1 – **Susy Woods** moved to “adopt the agenda as is.” **Beth Conran** seconded the motion. **The motion carried.**

Approval of Business Meeting Minutes from October 3, 2018.

Motion #2 – **Diane Blair Sherlock** moved to that “ISAC approve the minutes of October 3, 2018 as presented.” **Susy Woods** seconded the motion. **The motion carried.**

II. Public Participation

None

III. Illinois State Board of Education Updates

TEACH Illinois, Jason Helfer, Executive Director of Teaching and Learning, Illinois State Board of Education

Dr. Helfer gave an overview of what Teach Illinois is and the direction they are going. Dr. Helfer identified several steps and recommendations from outside entities/constituents. ISBE is working with partners across the state to: 1) Coordinate a statewide campaign to elevate the teaching profession and inspire young people, especially those of color, to join the profession, 2) Incentivize and create opportunities for P12 and postsecondary institutions to work together to create streamlined pathways into the teaching profession, 3) Support partnerships between school districts and teacher preparation programs in order to closely align teacher supply and demand, 4) Develop innovative, results-based approaches to educator preparation, 5) Develop and adopt a research-based bar for licensure that leads to a highly effective and diverse workforce, 6) Promote teacher leadership and career pathways with differentiated responsibilities and appropriate incentives and 7) Develop robust teacher mentorship and induction programs.

Dr. Helfer took questions from our council members and provided his contact information for further questions/concerns. He can be reached at jhelfer@isbe.net. or by phone at 217-782-4123.

Update on Various Topics – Dave Andel, Acting Director of Special Education, Special Education Services

Current Status of ISBE

- a. Staffing Update:
 - a. Hired: Division Director: Barb Moore
 - b. Hired: IDEA Data Analyst: Scott Norton
 - c. Key vacancy: Deaf/Hard of Hearing
 - d. Key vacancy: Division Supervisor
- b. Staff Development
 - a. February All-Staff Retreat

IDEA Part B Flow Through

- c. Project Management Team meetings 2-3x/week
- d. Extension Application Feedback from IAASE
- e. January 2019
 - a. Conference TA call with IAASE Region 1
 - b. Webinar library/series addressing the procedural change related topics will be posted on our website

Dyslexia Handbook

- f. Initial call (that included IAASE members) took place on November 26, 2018
- g. Feedback/Edits on initial draft due January 4, 2019
- h. Projected project completion: February 2019

CPS Corrective Actions

- i. Monthly calls/updates with OSEP continue
- j. Issues: Student Specific Corrective Action (2nd semester)
- k. October Monthly Monitor Report accessible via Office of General Counsel, ISBE Monitor page
- l. Special Education will support with general TA emails and document review

Monitoring

- m. RDA Cohorts continue in January (North/South)
- n. RDA CPS Cohort (March)
- o. Differentiated/Comprehensive Monitoring
 - a. TA Support in February 2019
 - b. Engagement from ISAC and IAASE (late Spring/Early Summer for input)
 - c. Phase in Fall 2019

Committee Reports

Committee reports can be found at the end of the minutes.

Executive – Jennifer Naddeo, Chair – see report at the end of these minutes.

Access – Diane Blair Sherlock, Chair – No meeting was held so there is no report at this time.

Bilingual – Jennifer Naddeo and Ancel Montenelli, Co-Chairs – see report at the end of these minutes.

Comprehensive State Plan – Susy Woods, Chair – No meeting was held so there is no report at this time.

Family Communications – Beth Conran, Chair – see report at the end of these minutes.

Finance – Heath Brosseau, Chair – No meeting was held so there is no report at this time.

General Supervision/Due Process – Beth Conran, Chair – No meeting was held so there is no report at this time.

Legislation – Susy Woods, Chair – No meeting was held so there is no report at this time.

Personnel Development – Suzanne Lee, Chair – No meeting was held so there is no report at this time.

Rules and Regulations – Suzanne Lee, Chair – No meeting was held so there is no report at this time.

Transition – Diane Blair Sherlock, Chair – see report at the end of these minutes.

IV. Old Business

Several topic areas were suggested for future meetings
Draft letter to Governor and Chief of Staff

V. New Business

Motion #3 – Diane Blair Sherlock moved that “ISAC adjourn the meeting.” Lauri Phillips seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

ISAC Executive Committee Meeting

Via telephone @ 8:00 a.m.
November 13, 2018

Members Present:

Jennifer Naddeo, Chair
Heath Brosseau
Diane Blair Sherlock
Beth Conran
Suzanne Lee
Susy Woods

Members Absent:

Ancel Montenelli

Others Present:

Lauri Phillips
Sue Taylor
Mary Long

Chair Naddeo called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m. A quorum was present. The agenda item were subcommittee goals/priorities for the year. Each Chair for their subcommittee group gave an update of their goals and priorities for the 2018-2019 year.

ISAC Access Committee – Focusing on Technology and the access to technology in schools

ISAC Bilingual Committee – Connect with the members of the Bilingual Council and their subcommittees.

ISAC Comprehensive State Plan Committee – Have the comprehensive plans submitted electronically and also making sure the districts/coops have the checklist they need to prepare and submit their comprehensive plans so they are a complete plan.

ISAC Family Communications Committee – Staying focused on the News Letter.

ISAC Finance Committee – Preparing the new funding formula and how that will impact students with disabilities, cooperatives develop grants for member districts and how now the member districts will be responsible for developing that and what impacts with that have on children with disabilities in member districts.

ISAC General Supervision/Due Process – This subcommittee needs more members. The committee wants to be more involved with the hearing officer trainings/hiring process/evaluations of hearing officers and would like to be informed of any significant issues prior to their June meeting when the council make motions on hearing officer contracts.

ISAC Legislation/Interagency Comm. Committee – this committee looks at bills that impact families with children with disabilities. With ISAC having a voice and the parents that show up, seems to be making an impact. A letter will be sent to the Governor on behalf of ISAC letting him know what the role of our ISAC council is.

ISAC Personnel Development Committee – This committee would like to have a member from Jason Helfer's area to come and provide updates on "Teach Illinois" to the subcommittee.

ISAC Rules & Regulations Committee – Keeping updated on rule/regulations changes coming down the pipeline that would impact children with disabilities.

ISAC Transition Committee – Prioritize what the work of transition is since there is so much going on in Transition. The topics need to be broken down into what we want to accomplish this year/next year, etc...

December 6, 2018 ISAC meeting is a way day meeting. No need to make a motion or update calendar.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:57 a.m.

Bilingual Special Education Committee
October 23, 2018 at 2:45 p.m.
via teleconference call

Present: Jennifer Naddeo, Ancel Montenelli,

- Good start to recap the connection with the Council
- Who to contact if they do have an item for the Council agenda?
- Interest of referred potential council members for those available vacant council position
 - Shared with the at <http://www.appointments.illinois.gov/>
Click on View all Boards and Commissions. ISAC is listed under Education of Children with Disabilities, Advisory Council
on<<http://www.appointments.illinois.gov/appointmentsDetail.cfm?id=78>>
 - Members are appointed by the governor's office.
- Sponsor a legislation that address the issue of the interpreters for parents who have EL students with disabilities. The Learning Disabilities Association of Illinois offer their assistance on drafting language for this legislation.

Other items discussed at the past Bilingual Special Education Subcommittee:

- Native language Assessment
- Suggestion to improve the IEP writing form (clarified the item at special service) steps to follow on develop the IEP.
- How to assist student with Developmental & Cognitive disabilities that do require bilingual services (the review of student with Intellectual disabilities IEP)
- Professional Development material, manual etc. English Learning Student that receiving two source of funding (Bueno Center Professional)

Transition Committee
November 28, 2018 at 7:00 a.m.
via teleconference call

Present: Diane J. Blair-Sherlock, Elizabeth Conran

Discussion as to whether family communications subcommittee could be the appropriate committee for dissemination of transitions information to parents.

Discussion of exploring the participation of an ISAC member on this subcommittee on the Employment First Committee, Sharon Slover had previously been on the committee.

Discussion was had concerning the new incoming administration and potentially arranging a meeting with ISAC members as an introduction.

All other matters are continued to the next Sub-Committee Meeting.

Nothing further. The meeting adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 a.m.

**Family Communications Committee
December 5, 2018 at 8:00 a.m.
via teleconference call**

Present: Elizabeth Conran and Lauri Phillips

1. Newsletter Topics
 - a. Trauma Laura
 - b. Restorative Justice Bambi
 - c. Highlight the work of the state Laurie
 - d. Highlight assistive technology – Susy
 - e. Emotional Disabilities - Beth
2. Central Resource to connect all the stakeholder groups
 - a. Blog
 - b. Twitter?
 - c. Snap Chat?
 - d. Facebook?
3. Beth will put together a Proposal. Procedurally how will we do this. Accessibility, video, etc.