



## PSE Grassroots Minutes

September 2, 2020

- **Updates**

- Minutes from the August meeting were emailed on September 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- The team will work together to ensure the minutes come out in a timely manner.
- All minutes and meeting agendas will be posted on the PSE Grassroots page on the PFT Website  
(<https://pft400.com/grassroots/special-education-grassroots-pse/>)

- **Review Grassroots Meetings**

- Meeting via Zoom (link will be emailed) on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 4:30 PM

- **Emotional Support Classrooms**

- Glade Run is picking up more programs.
- Looking at how internal PSE is supporting ES rooms.
- Tara McCrohan will be heading the ES Committee of interested teachers. Look for an announcement on the District PSE group on Microsoft Teams.

- **Expectations for IEP's**

- Deadline extended to September 25<sup>th</sup> to revise IEP's.
- District PSE on Microsoft Teams has resources (Powerpoint and a sample document for reference).

- **Start of School – technology**

- There are thousands of students without devices.
- Encourage parents to come out – if they can't pick up, they can send the signed form with someone to pick up for them.
- Comcast is offering free internet for families in need.
- Talking Points – there was a discussion around Learning Support teachers having access. Two suggestions were made:
  - Have the SDSS add all of your students to a separate class
  - Have the SDSS add you as a co-teacher in TAC
- Schoology – Learning Support Teachers were not told from PSE to set up a class in Schoology. Teachers can add Learning Support Teachers and Paraprofessionals as an owner or member to the classes they support.

- Headphones were found not to be working. Mindy reached out and there was an update being pushed out to remedy the problem.
- We will still be doing MAP testing. Accommodations can still be given to students who need them. Mindy will look into the possibility of screen sharing and doing the test 1:1 with a student.
- Reading Horizons – more information coming soon
- Discussion around Grab and Go Breakfast and Lunch. Students should be able to pick up both in the morning before school. Teachers were worried about students missing class to pick up their lunch.
- **Share: What is working?**
  - If you are having trouble scheduling, reach out to your Program Officer first. If they cannot help, they will send you to someone from Central PSE who can.
  - HUGE thank you to Rachael Farber (Phillips) who made a GROUP in Schoology for Learning Support Teachers to share resources and ideas. The code to access is: **2PGP-SSC6-2SDGB**
  - If you are not taking a prep in your schedule, make sure you are getting it approved by your principal first. You are contractually entitled to a prep.
- **Any Questions?**
  - Please send to Brittany in advance, so Mindy and Ann time to review and come with answers to bring back to us.

**Looking ahead to October:**

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 7th at 4:30PM.

Send any questions/comments/concerns to Brittany McCann at [brittanyfmccann@yahoo.com](mailto:brittanyfmccann@yahoo.com) or 412-760-9644

Month	Date	Location
September	9-3-20	Zoom*
October	10-7-20	Zoom*
November	11-4-20	Zoom*
December	12-2-20	Zoom*
January	1-6-21	Zoom*
February	2-3-21	Zoom*
March	3-3-21	Zoom*
April	4-7-21	Zoom*
May	5-5-21	Zoom*

**\*Zoom meetings until it is deemed safe for in person meetings.**