



PSE Grassroots Minutes

November 4, 2020

- **Updates**

- These minutes are fluid and are accurate as of this moment in time. Things can change in an instant.
- 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

- **Access to What We Need**

- Mindy has an awesome resource created about resources we have for students. It will be uploaded into PSE Teams.
- Read and Write – if you need more information contact Tim Knight and Stephanie Hui.

- **Hybrid Teaching/Cohort D**

- The MOU states we will have access to high grade PPE for any students who are not yet toilet trained and to use in situations where students are being aggressive.
- Facemasks were an issue the union was trying to address in the MOU. There was a recommendation if a student could not remove the mask on their own that they should not wear one. Please check with the nurse.
- If families chose to stay remote, they do not currently have the option to opt into Cohort D.
- Nina sent an email on 11-4-2020 to all staff that defines Cohort D.
- If staff or students get sick, please follow the decision tree posted on the board website.
- Suggestions were made for teachers who will be teaching with a face mask such as wearing a face shield or trying different masks to see what works best for students to hear.
- There are no laws being violated with Cohort D (such as LRE) because they are present in an online class with typical peers.

- Reach out to your Program Officer about Cohort D schedules (2 or 4 days) and also if you need any materials (such as individual sensory items) for your students.
- Check with building principals about using food as a motivator for students.
- It is a school based decision on whether students are moving from class to class. There was some discussion about students who are in the building using a camera during classes.
- **Para Absences**
 - There are very few para substitutes. Sometimes, teacher substitutes were able to cover for a para, but with a shortage of all subs, this may be difficult.
- **Materials for Students**
 - This year, not enough books were ordered for Regional Room students in some schools. Ordering of materials occurs in February/March. Please remind principals and coaches of your numbers so that enough materials can be ordered.
- **Revisit: Equity With IEP Writing**
 - We will revisit in December.
- **Any Questions?**
 - Please send to Brittany in advance, so Mindy and Ann have time to review and come with answers for us.

Looking ahead to December:

Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 2nd at 4:30PM.

Send any questions/comments/concerns to Brittany McCann at brittanyfmccann@yahoo.com or 412-760-9644

Month	Date	Location
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.**

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