



## PSE Grassroots Minutes

February 3, 2021

- **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
- **Please keep Wendy Ammerman's family in your thoughts. She will truly be missed for her smile, laugh, and passion.**
- **Our meetings should be a safe place to discuss problems. Please do not discuss our conversations with others.**
- **Paperwork Time**
  - We will have more time to work on CCS paperwork on the next district PD day, Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>. If you are in need of more time, please reach out to your principal or program officer.
  - The PFT has tried to get language in the contract in negotiations for paperwork time for PSE, but there has been no success to date. There was a time when subs were available and it was a common practice for PSE to get a sub to complete paperwork. ALWAYS ASK!
- **Gen Ed Intervention**
  - There is no contract language about Special Education Teachers teaching intervention groups with no Special Education students. However, you must be able to meet the needs of your students with an IEP.
- **Return to School**
  - There are no current plans for an early return for Conroy or Pioneer.
  - Everything was voted down about closing schools at the meeting last night. However, for reference, if a school with Regional Rooms is moved, that team has the option say yes to move with the room, or to say no and be displaced. Regional classes do not have building seniority.

- If you are displaced, you can apply for postings, or they will offer placement based upon system seniority and certification. Once you accept, that is where you are.
  - Many school psychologists got their COVID vaccinations. There is zero pressure, but if they are willing, they can come in to do a clinic style of testing. The school psychologist will set up based upon the buildings they serve. If we return on April 6<sup>th</sup>, testing will resume as normal.
    - For an RR with additional data, you have three options: waive evaluation (not for student with Intellectual Disability), write the RR with no new data, or get a PTR for new data. It should be based upon the needs of the student. There is no set rule of when students need additional data, but it would be atypical for a student not to need additional data at some point in their educational career.
- **Use of P-Cards – Regional Rooms**
  - The auditors are picky about food and snacks on p-cards. No way around it currently, but Ann is going to explore this topic.
- **Revisit: Therapeutic Notes**
  - There was a meeting and Ann will check in with Tara for the results of that meeting. More information will be shared with ES teachers.
- **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 March:**

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 3rd 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
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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