



PSE Grassroots Agenda

March 3, 2021

- **Welcome**
 - Please update your name in the Zoom meeting if needed.
- **Updates/Review Grassroots Meetings**
 - Notes/Website/Locations
- **Moment of Silence**
- **Resource Rooms**
 - Why aren't there resource rooms in elementary and middle schools?
 - If there are resource rooms in elementary and middle schools – which schools and why?
 - Would it make sense to have more resource rooms in the elementary/middle level?
- **Equity in PSE**
 - Dr. Hamlet put emphasis on providing equity particularly for black students on his On Track to Equity Plan. What does this look like when historically more black children are referred for special education than white children?
 - There have been a high number of referrals (not from parents) for black students to be tested for special education. Will there be a specific protocol or procedure in place in addition to MTSS before referring and starting an evaluation process when we return to create a more equitable system and to reduce the disproportionality of black students in special education?
- **PSE Numbers/Staffing**
 - With limited new evaluations for special education this year, will PSE be making changes to staffing at the end of this year?
- **General Ed Teachers – IEP meetings**

- In a time of limited subs, what is the expectation of General Education teachers attending IEP meetings? It is hard to get times when teachers and parents are available together.
 - Are General Education teachers required to participate in IEP's during their prep or lunch?
 - Parents often request meetings before or after school, but then often the General Education teacher cannot attend.
- **Return to School**
 - Are there any options for unvaccinated teachers and paraprofessionals who do not feel safe teaching a student who has a mask exemption in their IEP?
 - Could we provide them with a shield for some protection?
 - Is there a way to provide PSE input for return to school for student dates? Parents are questioning how their child got placed in the April 6th or April 26th category.
 - Will any of the March PD half days be reserved for PSE paperwork again to complete CCS phone calls and NOREPs?
 - Would PSE administration help address workspace for related services upon return to school? Some schools were already crowded and related services had a hard time finding space to work. What is expected upon the return to school – will they be working in the hallway?
- **Celebration of Ann – THANK YOU!**
- **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 April:

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

Send any questions/comments/concerns to Brittany McCann at 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.**

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