



PSE Grassroots Minutes

March 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 Megan Palm's family in your thoughts.**
- **Resource Rooms**
 - Resource rooms were the first move for some students back into neighborhood schools. They moved away from Regional Rooms and were mixed in disability categories.
 - Learning Support Classrooms could be called Resource Rooms.
- **Equity in PSE**
 - PPS has a new partnership with Association of Black Psychologists dedicated to equity practices. Will have a focus on evaluations that are not biased.
 - Intent is that we screen students well before going into evaluations – there may be changes from this new partnership.
- **PSE Numbers/Staffing**
 - There were no cuts in the PSE budget, they did not cut any positions.
- **General Ed Teachers – IEP meetings**
 - Parents can excuse a General Education Teacher from an IEP meeting with the excusal form.
 - Teachers can also come in to do their part of the IEP and then leave.
 - Always have a discussion with the parent about the situation.
 - Technically, by contract, teachers don't have to give up prep or lunch, but you can ask and see if they agree.
- **Return to School**
 - Encouraging masks and a shield if you have students with a mask exemption. Can also provide students with a shield – Ann is looking into if student shields were ordered. PSE is working on a mask

protocol to send to staff. For staff who deal with bodily fluids, gowns were ordered. Check with your building principal if they are in your building – if not, please reach out to your Program Officer.

- The four categories of return to school groups were done centrally. PSE noticed that many students were not on the list. If you have a student that you feel should be coming back to school in group 3 or 4, reach out to your principal and program officer.
- March 10th should be CCS paperwork time in the afternoon.
- Related services can reach out to their direct supervisor or Program Officer if you feel that you do not have a space that is adequate to work with your students upon return to school.
- **Celebration of Ann – Thank you Ann for everything you have done for PSE. You will be greatly missed, and we wish you all the best.**
- **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
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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