



## PSE Grassroots Minutes

September 6, 2023

- **Updates/Review Grassroots Meetings**
  - These minutes are fluid and are accurate as of this moment in time.
  - Sometimes things discussed can change
  - All minutes will be posted on the PSE Grassroots page on the PFT Website (<https://pft400.com/grassroots/special-education-grassroots-pse/>)
- **Updates from PFT President, Nina Esposito-Visgitis**
  - Please call the PFT and let them know if you are missing paraprofessionals in our special education classrooms.
- **Updates from Assistant Superintendent, Patti Camper**
  - Last week, PDE changed an eligibility requirement. Students with disabilities can now receive services until their 22<sup>nd</sup> birthday (previously age 21).
  - Patti is working with the district to prioritize paraprofessional placement to places where there are no paras in a classroom.
- **Welcome new co-chair – Shelly Plungin**
  - Congrats to Raechel on her sweet baby girl!
- **Revisit March 2023: Negotiations Group**
  - It was requested that a focus group be created to collaborate regarding what is most important to special education for negotiations. No one reached out to Brittany, so the group did not meet. Are we interested in this?
    - Don't forget that Nina has been at our grassroots meetings and she knows our concerns going into negotiations. There have already been negotiations meetings, so if we want to have one, it has to be very soon. If you are interested in having a meeting with Nina, please let Brittany know ASAP.
- **CCS 2.0**

- Related services were told PSE/PPS were working on a formula for payment for CCS meetings they completed documentation for and completed meetings for. Has this formula been created?
  - Yes, it was completed in June, but the window was missed for payroll, so it had to happen now when we returned.
  - Information will come out soon, they have to update the form with the correct dates for payroll.
- Speech therapists had students who started with them, but then became learning support. However, the speech therapist did a majority of the paperwork for CCS. They were told they would get paid full CCS rates for these students. When can they submit the names for these students?
  - They will be a part of the formula from the previous item. No two people can get paid workshop rate for the same student. The current case manager had the responsibility of completing the paperwork, so that was who received workshop rate.
- For those who provided CCS services over the summer, when and how can they put in to get paid for their hours?
  - A form is almost complete and will be coming soon. Payroll has to be a part of it – we want to have one process for everyone.
- BONUS ITEM – CCS Postings
  - Discussion around there being two postings for CCS. The June posting is no longer valid. Please apply for the second posting. Think of it as an eligibility list – PSE will use it to send names to schools who may be looking for people. Applying for the position does not lock you into anything, but shows that you are interested. You can absolutely say no to anything offered.

- **Any Questions?**

- Please send to Brittany in advance, so Mindy, Patti, and Nina have time to review and come with answers for us.

**Looking ahead to October:**

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 4:30PM.

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

**2023-2024 School Year Meeting Calendar**

September	9-6-2023
October	10-4-2023
November	11-1-2023
December	12-6-2023
January	1-3-2024
February	2-7-2024
March	3-6-2024
April	4-3-2024
May	5-1-2024