



PSE Grassroots Minutes

February 7, 2024

- **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, Billy Hileman**
 - Yes, regular education teachers can put in for loss of prep for IEP meetings. PSE teachers can not. There is contract language to support this. Article 25, Section 3.b.
 - The original CCS para postings were \$15 per hour, however that has been fixed because Paras have an hourly rate. They are paid time and a half for any hours worked over 8 per day. There is no set amount because the hourly rate is different based on para classification.
- **Updates from Assistant Superintendent, Patti Camper**
 - Be on the lookout for information for CCS for students who were PPS during pandemic, but have since transferred out of the district.
- **Professional Learning**
 - How can we have more PSE PD next school year?
Understanding that this year K-5 had new ELA curriculum this year, and will have new MATH next year – can we be grouped with other learning support teachers?
 - Brittany e-mailed Dr. McNeil (Assistant Superintendent for Professional Learning) and Dr. Jala Olds Pearson (Chief Academic Officer) to tell them there was interest in more PSE PD for next year.

- More people need to speak up – remember to also write the request on your PD surveys!
 - Would it be possible for teachers to submit PD opportunities of interest for them to be approved?
 - You can reach out to the Curriculum Support Team for specific needs.
 - We have sent out the Curriculum Resource Document – is there a way to get training on these resources?
 - There are trainings on the Professional Learning Platform. Some are in Schoology, or you can also reach out to a coach.
- **Technology**
 - If a student is working on Reading Horizons with the Reading Specialist – can PSE teachers be added to their account so they can see their progress online?
 - Unfortunately they are unable to add PSE teachers at this time. However, if you need specific data, reach out to Maya Arnold marnold1@pghschools.org
- **Supports for Regionals**
 - There have been statements made that PSE teachers are not sure if they are misinformation. Can we verify this information?
 - VB rooms do not exist anymore
 - The district really isn't moving students to Conroy
 - Patti Camper has confirmed the rumors are false
 - Regional teachers manage multiple curriculums and programs based on student needs. Can we focus on grouping regional room students based on their programs/needs?
 - Remember PSE is a service, not a place. The challenge with this request are the locations. The PSE team will consider this item, but logistically it may be impossible.
 - Are there any updates about supporting regional rooms with paraprofessionals? How many positions remain unfilled?

- The challenge is with Paraprofessionals passing the assessments. They are able to be hired on as a substitute, but then they are getting sub pay with no benefits.
 - As of the meeting, there are 27 vacancies, but some have provisional people placed.
- **CCS**
 - What CCS opportunities are approved for summer for teachers to work?
 - Still in preliminary stages. Waiting for see which buildings are available. There will be opportunities, some as short as a week, but also longer for others.
 - What CCS opportunities are approved for summer for students to attend? Are they only for certain ages?
 - There will be opportunities for grades 3-12. There are already some partners for CCAC for graduates.
- **FBA**
 - What are the requirements for data collection on an FBA?
 - Depends upon why you are doing the FBA. Reach out to your Program Officer to provide guidance and support with FBA questions.
- **Speaking Up**
 - Kim will share how it was speaking at a public hearing!
 - Thank you Kim!
- **Looking Ahead**
 - What should we do about the April 3rd meeting? It has been historically hard to collect agenda items over a school break.
 - We are cancelling the April 3rd meeting
 - Do we want to add a meeting in June?
 - We are adding a June meeting – June 5th
- **Any Questions?**
 - Please send to Brittany in advance, so Mindy, Patti, and Rob have time to review and come with answers for us.

Looking ahead to March:

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 6th at 4:30PM.

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

2023-2024 School Year Meeting Calendar

March	3-6-2024
May	5-1-2024
June	6-5-2024