



# PSE Grassroots Minutes

March 6, 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 Staff**
- **Updates from Assistant Superintendent, Patti Camper**
- **Mental Health Supports for Students**
  - How can we support students with an IEP when the expectation is that if they have an IEP, mental health supports come from the Special Education Teacher who is not trained in these supports?
    - Reach out to program officers for specific situations. Sometimes students need their preferred person. Also, Day 1 of Safety Care training can be helpful for de-escalation training (none of the physical management)
- **Seniority/Regional Rooms**
  - What kind of seniority do Regional Room teachers have?
    - Regional Room teachers have system seniority – not building seniority. Even though you are in a building, you do not accumulate building seniority.
- **CCS**
  - What are the next steps for CCS with students who have left the district. Is there are a timeline?
    - Program Officers should have given a PD with information to their schools. If you were absent or need the PowerPoint, please ask!

- Patti will talk again to Assistant Superintendents to ask principals to give time for this process.
  - Please use the CCS Script for e-mails – there are legal requirements that are a part of the script.
  - Kids Voice gave PSE a list of their clients who have since moved from PPS. Patti has shared that information with Program Officers who will share with their buildings.
  - You need administrative access in IEP writer to upload documents. Please plan with your program officer because they can only be active in our system for 24 hours.
  - Patti will send a CCS Out of District e-mail update.
- Some teachers are being asked to get enrollment data from parents – is this something the district should have?
  - Program officers, SDSS, Social Workers – they should have the information needed. Eschools will have the entry and withdrawal dates.
- How can we ensure that CCS staff get paid on the correct date next time?
  - They have refined the process to ensure that everyone will be paid appropriately on the next pay date.
- **PSE Panel**
  - If special education placements are a team decision, how is having a PSE panel, that does not consist of required IEP team members, legal?
    - The PSE Panel is legal. The process of the PSE Panel is in writing. It was required through corrective action because PPS had 4 times the number of students in full time PSE placements.
    - During the panel, the Program Officer gets feedback on situations before moving students to a higher level of service.

- The Program Officer should schedule to go to the PSE Panel (meetings happen every Wednesday) during the reevaluation process before the IEP meeting is held.
- **PSE ITL**
  - When you don't have 4 PSE teachers in a building, you do not get a PSE ITL. There is an ITL that oversees PSE but is not certified in special education. There ends up being a lead PSE teacher who doesn't get compensated. How can we ensure PSE teachers performing ITL responsibilities are compensated appropriately?
    - The contract language is clear that you need 4 PSE to have an ITL. If they are being asked to do ITL responsibilities without the ITL training or title, they should not be completing those tasks.
    - Reach out to the PFT if you feel that you are being asked to complete ITL responsibilities without being an ITL.
- **Any Questions?**
  - Please send to Brittany in advance, so Mindy, Patti, Billy, and Rob have time to review and come with answers for us.

**Looking ahead to May:**

Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</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**

April	CANCELLED
May	5-1-2024
June – newly added	6-5-2024