

OPTIMISE Task Force Minutes

December 15, 2023

1. Welcome

- a. In attendance-Abby Cypher, Jennifer Gard, Lauren Mangus, Colin Ripmaster, Kanika Littleton, John Severson, Teri Pettit, Renee Brunette

2. Information items

- a. Website/social media-There have been 5.7 million impressions to date with 46,000 clicks to our website; CR Marketing has sent out the December Newsletter which members are asked to distribute to their organization's membership, the job board which aggregates job postings from all districts will be up in January.
- b. OSERS presentation-Laurie shared that she did a presentation to OSERS staff about our work and social media campaign. She expects to also present to the White House education policy advisor.
- c. Action Team updates
 - i. Behavior—3 sub-teams will meet in Lansing on January 16 and 17. Members were thanked for distributing the interest survey. We had a great response.
 - ii. DHH-will meet on Jan. 17 at CCRESA.
 - iii. Workload/paperwork- we anticipate convening an action team around the issue of the overburden of paperwork that SE personnel experience to see if there are recommendations that will lessen the burden.

3. Discussion items:

- a. Convening-Task Force members were asked their input about convening the ed organizations to discuss how we work together to support each other with united voices. The feedback was very positive with many suggestions made by members such as including parents and determining the top 2-3 things that everyone can support.
- b. Paraeducator training-MAASE-Abby Cypher shared information about the pilot that MAASE will do in coordination with OPTIMISE around paraeducator training. Laurie shared that there is also a free evaluation tool from CEC.

4. Action items/call to action

- a. SE Administrator Action Team recommendations -these recommendations were shared with the Task Force with member questions answered. The Task Force members approved moving it forward.

- b. Speech and Language Pathologist Action Team recommendations-Laurie shared that these recommendations will need to go back to the action team for more refinement.
 - c. School Psychologist Action Team recommendations-The Task Force discussed how we prioritize our support; how do we all move this recommendation forward for action by the legislature.
5. Task Force members--updates, questions, etc.-none

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:30

A link to the recording of the meeting is provided--

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Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Fortino

Future meetings held virtually from 9-11 a.m.:

- March 29, 2024
- June 28, 2024
- September 20, 2024