

**Connecticut State Advisory Council on Special Education**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Tuesday, February 14, 2017 2:30 – 5:00 p.m.**  
**450 Columbus Blvd. Hartford, CT 06103**  
**Room: 450 Columbus Plaza North Meeting Room E**

**In Attendance:**

Audra Talbot  
Siobhan Peng  
Isabelina Rodriguez  
Charlyne Olko  
Colin Milne  
Tom Cosker  
Natalie Jones  
John Flanders

**Via Phone:**

Lynn Fogg-Cornelio  
Jaquita Monroe  
Kelly Neyra  
Mike Nunes  
Chris Leone

**I. Welcome:**

- Meeting called to order at 2:24pm by Charlyne Olko.
- New meeting place: 450 Columbus Blvd. Room: 450 Columbus Plaza North Meeting Room TBD  
Hartford, CT 06103

**II. Meeting times for the year and location:**

- Overview of meeting times and new locations
  - March 15, 2017
  - May 17, 2017
  - June 21, 2017
  - September 20, 2017
  - November 15, 2017
  - January 17, 2018
- SAC overview: Represent Children 3 to 26...
- SAC committee wishing for a FOYA training. Wishing to be familiarized. There has not been a FOYA training in 6 years.

- Middletown meeting location is no longer available at end of the 2016-2017 school year. It is a leased building and there is no longer access.

### III. Action Items:

#### A. Approval of minutes of November 16, 2016

- Charlyne Olko motion to accept minutes of November 16, 2016
- Second: Tom Cosker
- All in favor- Accepted as amended: Kelly Neyra, Lynn Fogg-Cornelio, Jaquita Monroe

#### B. Approval of meeting times for the year

- Charlyne Olko motion to accept meeting times for the year
- Second: John Flanders
- All in favor – motion passed

### IV. Report of chair:

#### V. Ad Hoc Committees:

- In the process of ensuring that all bylaws are being followed.
- John Flanders asked if we can amend the bylaws  
Answer is yes – there will be a motion to amend bylaws at the March 15, 2017 meeting
- There are inconsistencies in the bylaws
- Suggested to have bylaws at each SAC meeting to stay on track.
- There are many vacancies on the following committees:
  - **Nominating Committee:**  
Chair: John Flanders  
Co-Chair: TBD
  - **Membership Committee:**  
Chair: John Flanders  
Co-Chair: TBD
  - **Legislative Committee:**  
Chair: Kelly Neyra  
Co-Chair: Kathy Musto
  - **School Climate Committee:**  
Chair: TBD  
Co-Chair: TBD
  - **SRBI Committee:**  
Chair: Charlyne Olko  
Co-Chair: TBD
- If any member of The SAC would like their choice in committees, please email your picks to Siobhan Peng. If members choose not to send email with their picks, members will be assigned to a committee.
- Lynn Fogg-Cornelio asked how AdHoc Committees were developed and if they are still relevant

Isabelina Rodriguez answered that per the bylaws yes, AdHocs are still relevant and will be discussed further in the March meeting.

- Colin Milne resigned from all committees.
- At the March 15, 2017 meeting Committee Chairs and Co-Charis will be assigned
- The membership will then better define tasks and assignments
- After this discussion membership, will post meetings and agendas.

**VI. Report of the Bureau Chief:**

- Bureau is down 6 people with a state freeze. There is a consultant drop on the academic and educational sector.
- As Special Education becomes a hot topic we will be having more people attending meetings regularly.

**VII. Discussion Items:**

**A. Committee Updates:**

- Reminder that meetings (scheduled and cancelled) must be posted 24 hours prior to meeting time.
- Please give Mairin 2-3 days' notice before meeting.
- Meetings must be posted in a timely manner. If meetings are not posted we will be turned away.

**B. Connecticut Parent Advocacy Center Updates:**

- CPAC has taken on new task of Birth to Three Navigators.
- This task will offer families help with transition out of Birth to Three and into a school system.
- In the works of having "PPT Partners" attend PPT meetings with families.
- CPAC has begun the process of talking to and recruiting people with the proper experience to fill these roles.
- CPAC has received 1346 November 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Stamford Office has opened at the Boys and Girls Club at St. Joes.
- Looking to open 3 or 4 more satellite offices. Looking in the Killingly/Hartford area.

**C. Office of Protection and Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities**

- State Agency is Closing
- Shutting down June 8<sup>th</sup>
- Doors open until June 30<sup>th</sup>
- Staff to receive Layoff Notices 3/17
- Organization taking over will be referred to as Disability Rights CT
- Public Hearing on 3/10 @ DOT Middletown – This hearing is to discuss the reasons OPA closing is not a good idea.
- July 1<sup>st</sup> Disability Rights CT will take over

**VIII. Public Participation**

**VIII. Adjournment**

- Charlyne Olko motion for adjournment

- Second: John Flanders
- All in favor – motion passed at 4:39pm