



# WAPSD

Wyoming Advisory Panel for Students with Disabilities

**September 11, 2018**

**Panel Members Attended:** Jami Clifford, Ann Armel, Aleyta Zimmerman, Ammon Bullinger, Christine Bullinger, Erin Swilling, Hayley Speiser, Nikki Baldwin, Penny Hawk, Rachel Crawford, Andrea Clubb

**\*\*Panel member attended via Zoom**

**WDE Representation:** Shelley Hamel, Deb Montoya

**Welcome/Opening:** Shelley Hamel and Anedra kicked off the meeting with a welcome and opened the floor for public comment. We did not receive any public comment so we moved forward.

**Approval of Panel Priorities/Minutes:** Jami Clifford motioned to approve the Panel Priorities from June. Ann Armel seconded the motion. All voted in favor of accepting the Panel Priorities from June. Anedra asked for a motion to approve the March and June Minutes as well. Christine Bullinger motioned to approve the March Minutes. Jami Clifford seconded the motion. All voted in favor of accepting the March Minutes. There was an amendment to the June Meeting Minutes for the dates on the second page to be amended for March and June to reflect 2019 not 2018. Anedra asked for a motion for the June minutes with the change for March and June to 2019 from 2018. Aleyta Zimmerman motioned to approve as amended. Hayley Speiser seconded the motion. All voted in favor to approve the June Minutes.

**Panel Priorities:** Anedra would like to address one Panel Priority per meeting, the first being State-wide Data Collection. If anyone had comments in A through D on Priority #1, let's write those down and come back to the December meeting with some ideas in mind for this Priority as well. Ann expressed concerns with some data being hard to get because the agency is particular about student ID's. We want to protect our students; how do we share this? Focus shifted in conversation and concerns were addresses regarding recent turnover at the WDE. Shelley Hamel concurred with the frustration and explained how the WDE is looking for plans on how to stabilize and keep the work moving forward and that it is a priority for everyone at the WDE.

**Shelley Hamel (WDE Update):** We are continuing to work on the RDA Manual. WDE has new monitoring tools and a call into OSHA to confirm one piece to ensure there is no requirement for onsite

monitoring each year and confirming with OSEP. She shared about the upcoming data drill downs that were taking place in five regional locations the first week in November. She discussed the WAVE Conference and expressed that it was well attended and received very positive feedback. The deaf/hard of hearing team has been getting training and entered into an agreement to help improve their assessment scores for interpreters. There are currently no disputes to resolve. For legislative updates, the early childhood discussion continues and the WDE attended a meeting with the CDC and the Early Childhood Board in Casper. The WDE has complied with the request from the JEIC to pull together the information about the various state agencies that do work with early childhood education. Christine asked if the Department of Education still interested in supporting the Academic Bowl or is that getting pushed to the side? Shelley responded that the Academic Bowl is alive and well. We want to keep that moving. The School Finance Amendment #3 was addressed and Shelley explained the legislation that required WDE to set staffing guidelines and how the WDE is currently working on that at the request of the legislature.

**Upcoming Meetings:** Suggestions for things the Panel would like to see on the December Agenda. Ann Armel asked if the Panel would like to hear best practices and current successes in collaboration with Voc Rehab and local districts and she would be happy to put something together. As a group, the Panel looks forward to hearing any WDE updates.

**Rachel Crawford - DBI Training:** Rachel wanted to share and commend the state on the Data-Based Instruction Training that has been provided to the districts. This is needed in the Wyoming schools and the WDE has contracted with a great trainer company. Very powerful for students with disabilities, and students who have been wrongly identified as having disabilities. Shelley thanked Rachel and said she would make sure and carry that to the team as well. We'll continue to push that out across the state.

**Conclusion:** It was asked if anyone else had anything to add to the meeting before we conclude and asked for a motion to conclude the meeting. A motion was made to end the meeting at 10:15 a.m. Penny Hawk seconded the motion. All voted in favor to adjourn the meeting.