

LCPD minutes

January 2nd, 2020

Start time 12:30 pm

Utah Division of Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

Present: Jan Ferre, Leah Voorhies, Janet Wade, Joey Hanna, Jean Boyack

Phone: Jodie Hansen, Amberee Dattillo Shannon Wilkins, Jeff Sheen, Teresa Larsen, Julia Pearce. Sachin Pavithran.

Topic	Discussion	Follow up
Welcome introductions		
Review and Approval of Minutes	Jodie Hansen moved to approve the minutes Jan Ferre seconded Passed all in favor	
Presentation by Leah Voorhies	The State Board of Education (SBE) is made up of 15 elected members. During the budget process all the different sections at the SB are represented. For instance Leah represents Special Education. Budget requests are sent to the administration to review and approve. Charter school directors and district superintendents are also consulted in the process. The Deputy Superintendent puts together a list that is prioritized by vote of the SB. The SB budget requests are submitted to but separate from the governor's budget.	

The SB voted to prioritize. 5 priorities. Though there are no items specific to students with disabilities, all would affect them and so Leah has review and provide input on each:

- 1. Increase funding of the Weighted Pupil Unit (WPU) 6%. (The SB association, business admin association and superintendent association was consulted and it was decided to ask for an increase on WPU so school districts could use local economy to individualize their needs.)**
- 2. Fund student growth. This is due to the increase of students. The increase is students is about 2% annually.**
- 3. Increase in Funding for Student transportation. The law and policy related to providing transportation has never been fully funded.**
- 4. Optional enhanced kindergarten. Research is consistently impressive that full day K makes a statistically significant difference later on.**

Jan Ferre asked if the conservative constituent groups had concerns on this. Leah responded that there is not as much concern shown on this topic because of the data to support full day K.

	<p>Linda Hansen mentioned that there is so much data that a lot of legislators have come along to support Full day.</p> <p>5. Utah School Leadership initiative. – Provide support, mentoring, coaching. SB had a task force that studied school leadership and came up with ideas on building leadership, mostly principals – this is related to recommendations from work done on how to better support the leaders in school district</p> <p>Jan Ferre asked if there were dollar amounts for these priorities. Leah responded that there is more information on line. For more information go to: https://usbe.civicclerk.com/web/home.aspx</p> <p>Linda mentioned that the SB wanted to add more training for administrators on special education. Leah is pleased about that.</p> <p>No further questions</p>	
<p>Legislative Update Membership</p>	<p>Jan Ferre reported that she had a meeting with Rep. Steve Eliason Republican – District 45, House Chair of the Public Education Appropriations Subcommittee at his request. His initial concern and request for more information was on the Bill proposed last session by the Southerland Institute. Rep.</p>	<p>Track the progress of</p>

	<p>Eliason asked Jan to follow this bill and report to him on any changes this session.</p> <p>Rep. Eliason was also interested in identifying progress of the Utah Medically Complex Children’s waiver. There may be a bill to expand the waiver run by Susan Pulsipher Republican – District 50</p> <p>Jodie Hanson commented that this is something that the LCPD needs to watch. Jan Ferre will follow up with Rep. Eliason to keep him informed.</p> <p>There are several mental health bills: One is screening in elementary schools. Leah Voorhies explained that Carbon District is already piloting this program. It isn’t decided whether there will be an opt in or opt out</p> <p>Jean Boyack asked if tax reform would impact education funding? Probably not.</p> <p>Jan Ferre reported that the Capitol now has a food vendor.</p> <p>Joint Resolution HJR 6 SJR 1: Janet noted that these joint resolutions were passed.</p> <p>Joey: Met with Rep. Ward to talk about the parent perspective on a couple of issues. He is going to be supporting the limited supports waiver. He is running a bill. It would be asking DSPD and Dept. of Health to run a waiver for people on the community supports waiting list. They would have a smaller budget but access to services such as behavioral interventions. Before and after school programs. DSPD will</p>	<p>Track the progress</p> <p>Track the progress</p> <p>Track the progress</p>
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ask for public input on services or what the cap should be. The Utah Parent Center supports it.

The other issue is access to services through DSPD because of nursing delegation act. The Dept. of Health is interpreting the act that a feeding tube falls under the thinking that feeding tubes can't be delegated. The Utah Parent Center is recruiting parents who are impacted by these issues.

Julia Pearce reported that she has been out in the State talking to parents about Advocacy. Julia has created a google doc to help parents find out about issues and get involved. Julia will support the parents in advocacy.

Joey informed the group of an advocacy training that is being offered on January 9th. The training is very comprehensive. Sachin will be doing some of the training along with Joey. The hope is that parents will attend. Topics include: Sachin - focus on the process. How to build a relationship and work with legislators during the session and after. Joey will present on the history of families and parents and their role in bills.

Tim Riesen will be giving more the historical perspective. The hope is that this will lay the foundation for parents new to advocacy

Sachin reported on the upcoming Disability Advocacy Day on January 30th in the Rotunda of the State Capitol. This is an opportunity for parents to hear from guest speakers Kristen Cox and Lance Roberts, Assistant Secretary for Aging and

	<p>Administrator, Community Living. Parents will also be able to visits tables set up by community organizations and visit with legislators.</p> <p>Janet reported that the Utah Legislative Coalition for People with Disabilities Annual Legislative Reception which will immediately follow the Disability Advocacy Day.</p> <p>Close of meeting 1:30 pm</p>	
Next Meeting	<p>Please note that the LCPD will be meeting weekly starting Monday Feb 3 in the Beehive room, State Capitol at 12:30.</p>	