



**KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
State Advisory Council for Exceptional Children (SACEC)  
MEETING SUMMARY**

**APRIL 27, 2020:**

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Brandi Hitzelberger, Gretta Hylton, Leisa Hutchinson, Anita Dowd, Kim Chevalier, Amy Folker, Eric Umstead, Jessica Duenas, Ravonne Simms, Barry Lee, Amber Barnes**

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**Libby Suttles, Brent Hutchinson, Danny Hughes, Julie Rubemeyer, Chris Johnson, Melissa Knight, Anna Light, Tricia Gibbons**

**SUMMARY:**

**Agenda Item: Welcome (Roll Call of Members)**

**Presenter: Leisa Hutchison, Chair**

**Summary of Discussion:**

**Chris Johnson has moved and has resigned.**

**Agenda Item: Review Minutes from Last Meeting**

**Presenter: Leisa Hutchison, Chair**

**Agenda Item: KDE Update**

**Presenter: OSEEL Leadership**

**Summary of Discussion:** COVID 19 update. March 13 NTI learning begins and last to end of year. Team meetings were held with DOSE in the state during the first week. Advised districts to try their best to provide individualized instruction. Encouraged districts not to shy away compensatory education for those that need it. Also stressing documenting what is being provided. Learned that some districts are confused by difference between compensatory education and ESY. Asking districting to think outside the box during this time and make a good faith effort on IEPs.

Preschool webinars have been offered. There was also a special ed webcast that was attended by over 500 people.

Also had spotlight on districts which was very popular and a great way to highlight the work being done during NTI.

**Action Taken:** Everyone felt KDE has done a great job. Suggestions to collect data and evaluate.

**Follow-up Required:** Build a better contingency plan in the future. More trainings on ESY vs. Compensatory Education

### **Agenda Item: Cooperative Update**

**Presenter:** Melissa Reynolds, Director, Southeast Southcentral Educational Cooperative

**Summary of Discussion:** Collaboration with OSEEL to help with District support. providing trainings on specially designed instruction, progress monitoring, accommodations and modifications, moderate and severe learning, behavioral and social EMD and universal design instruction. Resources for instruction support during COVID 19 on website.

**Follow-up Required:** Flyers on Google drive

### **Agenda Item: NTI**

**Presenter:** David Cook, Director, Division of Innovation and Partner Engagement

**Summary of Discussion:** NTI learning Fast Facts. Participation rate has been 93%. Have found that the blended approach is the most successful. the districts that have offered both online and paper instruction have been most successful. Some lessons we have learned from COVID 19. We have learned that we need to be better prepared for a school closure. We also know that we need more professional training on remote learning. We also know we need a better assessment of learning and how to rethink how to delivery curriculum and effectively use technology.

There will be a gap in learning in the fall we are dealing with how that will be assessed and dealt with.

NTI was set up to be short term and to for review to be taught so moving to new material and long term is new area and learning.

### **Agenda Item: Kentucky Graduation Requirements and Grades**

**Presenter:** Amanda Ellis, Associate Commissioner, Office of Teaching and Learning

**Summary of Discussion:**

Civics testing was waived for this year. Commissioner is trying to give guidance on graduation and return to school policies. Taking guidance from Dept of public health. Giving grading guidance. Pass/Fail option. Those worried about KEEYS money will keep grade was at March 13 point. Articles being sent about grading that have to been sent to districts.

**Agenda Item: Questions and additional feedback from advisory group members**

**Presenter: Leisa Hutchinson**

**Summary of Discussion:**

Slate of New Officers

Nominate President Melissa Knight

Ravonne Simms Vice

Brandi Hitzelberger Secretary

**Action Taken:**

Kim Chevaliar First Motion

Eric Ulmstead Second

Vote Approved

**Agenda Item: Open Forum**

Thoughts on new Microsoft Teams link. Making it online every time so it's more accessible.

**Action Taken:**

Communication Committee, Ravonne, Eric, Brandi and Jessica volunteer. This committee is formed to get information out to people better and communicate what we do.

**NEXT MEETING AUGUST 6-7**

**NOV 22-24 CEC Conference at Galt House**

**Meeting Adjourned**

Motion by Brent Huchinson

Second by Barry Lee

Approved