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**GLASS Advisory Board Meeting
April 19, 2016
Minutes in Meeting**

Members Present:

Les Huddle, Superintendent, Lafayette School Corporation; Scott Hanback, Superintendent, Tippecanoe School Corporation; Rocky Killion, Superintendent, West Lafayette Community School Corporation, Rebecca Sprague, LSC Board Member; Jim Slaven, TSC Board Member; Karen Springer, WLCSC Board Member
GLASS Administrators Present: Toni Skaggs, Director, GLASS; Donna McIlrath, Assistant Director, GLASS; Tom Hermiz, Supervisor, GLASS; Denona Pryor, Supervisor, GLASS; Kelly Wilder, Supervisor, GLASS

1. Approval of April 20, 2015 Minutes. Minutes were approved.

2. Public Comments:

Mr. Les Huddle, meeting chair person, stated that the Lafayette School Corporation ground rules would be followed during the public comment agenda item. Each individual that plans to address the advisory board will have 3 minutes. In addition, each individual is requested to state his/her name and address. Guests were requested to sign-in. Twenty-one guests were in attendance.

Pat Howey – Thank you to Toni Skaggs and GLASS staff for their work and long hours and also for publishing the date and agenda of this meeting on the website. Would like to see minutes from Advisory Board meetings published. Reminded board last year she requested parents from each school corporation be added to the GLASS Advisory Board to serve as members. It was also requested that the meeting be held in the evening to allow more parents the opportunity to attend. It was her understanding these items would be discussed at the individual corporation's board meetings and she did not find where this was brought up in minutes of each corporation.

Erin Moon-Walker – Thank you to Toni Skaggs and staff for countless hours of work, even on weekends, with cases and copying of records. Erin would like to see the Advisory Board Meeting held in the evening as she is aware of many parents that would like to attend but cannot leave their work. She would also like the meetings to be better advertised perhaps with a Facebook page.

Susan Mendrysa – Thank you to board members and staff for all they do. Would like to see the GLASS website better utilized for parents, teachers and GLASS staff. She would like to see the website re-vamped and stated there Purdue University students could be available to assist. Susan would like the meeting date to be added to calendar sooner – it was not added to calendar until April 12 and it looks on the website that the date of the meeting was April 12.

Patricia Useem – Identified herself as President of LDA of Indiana. She would like more participation by GLASS staff and board members at the Indiana Chapter's Annual Conference. Last year there were only 3 participants from Tippecanoe County. She also asked that the personnel be permitted time off to attend the conference and that GLASS be used as a vehicle to advertise.

Susan Mendrysa – Susan forgot to mention she would like to re-investigate the current testing materials used by GLASS. Some materials used are fifteen to twenty years old. Testing materials should be appropriate and up to date and incorporate technology rather than paper and pen. She also thinks children are tested too often. She would like a Parent/GLASS/Teacher Council.

3. Structural Plan

Mrs. Toni Skaggs, Director, GLASS, stated that the GLASS Structural Plan, formally known as the GLASS Comprehensive Plan, is no longer required in Article 7 of the State Special Education Rules and Regulations.

4. Joint Services Agreement

Mrs. Toni Skaggs stated the Joint Services Agreement for Special Education and Related Special Services is current however GLASS Administration are working with legal counsel to potentially amend the Service Agreement. Once a draft is created, this will be shared with the three superintendents and they will further review with their school boards in public meetings.

5. Projected Enrollments

Mrs. Toni Skaggs stated the Power Point Presentation will include agenda items 5 through 8. Mrs. Skaggs shared that based on input from a variety of sources, the GLASS Administrative Responsibilities have been restructured this year. Administrators oversee individual corporations rather than individual schools. Dr. Hanback shared that the new structure has been a very positive change. Mrs. Wilder has developed great rapport with principals and there is better communication due to people knowing who to contact and having access to Mrs. Wilder at the TSC office. Mr. Huddle added that he would second everything Dr. Hanback said for the Lafayette School Corporation.

Denona Pryor reviewed GLASS Enrollment Trends by Corporations and Disabilities stating there has been a most significant increase in ASD, OHI, Speech and Mild Cognitive numbers with a slight decrease in SLD and ED students.

Donna McIlrath reviewed the current enrollment for the Out of District Students.

Tom Hermiz reviewed the GLASS Preschool Enrollment along with GLASS Preschool Partners.

Toni Skaggs reviewed Non-public School Enrollment and GLASS Certified and Non-Certified Staff. She also reviewed the GLASS Psychology Services and number of students per GLASS Psychologist current caseload.

Tom Hermiz reviewed GLASS Speech Services along with the members of the Augmentative and Alternative Communication Team.

Denona Pryor shared the current enrollment in GLASS Life Skills Classrooms as well as projected enrollment numbers for next school year.

Kelly Wilder reviewed the current enrollment for Self-Contained Emotional Disability Classes along with next year's projected enrollment numbers.

Donna McIlrath reviewed Autism Services offered along with the numbers of students with Autism. She also shared the number of different students served in Alternative School and current enrollment by Alternative Site.

Kelly Wilder and Denona Pryor both serve on Manifestation Determination Case Conferences and the number for each school was shared.

Donna McIlrath reviewed homebound enrollment and GLASS related services.

Toni Skaggs reviewed some of the wide variety of Professional Development opportunities sponsored by GLASS. Toni asked the board to contact her with any questions after review. She also stated that

more trainings will be held in April and May including a Parent Training with focus on Waivers and Transition Services to be held on May 12. Furthermore, Toni Skaggs shared a growing list of GLASS Community Partners.

Kelly Wilder reviewed IDOE Indicator Updates for TSC and Denona Pryor shared LSC Corrective Action Plan for Indicator 10 – Disproportionality Overrepresentation of students: African American/Cognitive Disability.

Toni Skaggs summarized awards, certificates and grants that GLASS staff has received. Many of the GLASS Departments have teamed with General Ed and Special Ed staff in the buildings to write grants. Their efforts have made a positive impact for the students with special needs in the 3 Districts.

9. Next Scheduled Meeting

The next scheduled GLASS Advisory Board Meeting will be held April 18th, 2017 at 11:00a.m. in the Hiatt Administration Building.

10. Additional Items

Meeting was adjourned at 11:55a.m.