

ACT 833 LEADERSHIP STEERING COMMITTEE
November 12, 2014
MEETING SUMMARY

Claiborne Building
Baton Rouge, LA

1:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Rep. John Schroder, Chair
Sen. Dan Claitor
Alan Coulter, LSU-HDC
April Dunn, Self-Advocate
Rebecca Ellis, Northshore FHF
Shawn Fleming, LaDDC
Liz Gary, Parent
Rebecca Hanberry, Bossier Parish
Community College Program for
Successful Employment
Sherri Houin, Parent
Kelli Joseph, Superintendent, St.
Helena Parish Schools
Ashley McReynolds, LaTEACH
Debra Schum, La. Assoc. of Principals
Carol Tall, Vice Pres., LaSEA, Acadia
Parish
Jamie Wong, LDE

MEMBERS ABSENT

Donnica Conway, LaDDC
Carolyn Hill, BESE
Shelia Jackson, Superintendent, Grant
Parish Schools
Mauricia Ledet-Walters, FHF of Acadiana
Laureen Mayfield, President, LaSEA,
Bienville Parish
Scott Richard, La. Schools Boards Assoc.
Sarah Voigt, Advocacy Center
Patsy White, LaDDC

LaDDC Supporting Staff

Robbie Gray, Program Monitor

GUESTS PRESENT

Quinn Adams, Bossier Schools
Rebecca Bradford, Terrebonne
Parish
Thelma Covello, La. Assoc. of the Deaf
Belinda Dumas, Livingston Parish
Joanette Dunn, Parent
Jeanne Ebey, Livingston Parish
Flavia Eldridge, Iberia Parish
Renee Fauver
Rebecca Fletcher (for Sheila Jackson)
Victoria Flis, Deaf Focus
Brandy Golston-Neal, Caddo Schools
Penny Harris, Caddo Schools
Michael Hebert, St. Martin Schools
Nancy Jolly, La. Legislature
Cheramie Kerth, St. Bernard Parish
Shelia Lockett, Caddo Schools
Darla Louviere (for Mauricia Ledet-
Walters)
Charlie Michel, Lafourche School Board
Krystal Parker
Stephanie Patrick (for Sarah Voigt)
Donna Reno, St. Helena Parish
Cindy Robillard, La. Assoc. of the Deaf
Paula Rodriguez, Deaf Focus
Will Sentell, The Advocate
Susan Vaughn, Ascension Parish
Roxane West, Evangeline Sped Superv.
John Weymann, Governor's Office of
Disability Affairs
John White, LDE Superintendent
Naomi Whitney, Terrebonne Parish
Kay Rone Wilson, LDE
Sandee Winchell, LaDDC Exec. Director

Representative Schroder called the meeting to order with a quorum at 1:07 p.m.

Motion passed: Motion to accept the summary from the October 1st meeting made by April Dunn, second by Rebeca Hanberry, passed without objection.

The Committee received information from Superintendent White regarding Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) actions and plans related to the Committee recommendations of October 1st meeting.

The Committee did not formulate formal recommendations; however, various members and guests committed to taking the following action steps:

- Superintendent White indicated the LDOE will provide the Act 833 Steering Committee with a list of applied and/or foundational courses used by the Department before the December 10th meeting. A workgroup reviewing and developing courses related to JumpStart that could apply to students with disabilities is expected to result in a formal proposal in the next few weeks.
 - A request was made for the number of students with and without disabilities enrolled in applied or foundational level high school courses.
- It was agreed that the Act 833 Committee will review the Career Diploma courses to determine any flexibility for adjusting content and/or determine whether it will be recommended to expand the number of courses applicable for Carnegie Credit. This review will be on the major item on the December 10th Committee Agenda.
- It is expected that LDOE will have a proposal about LAA-1 eligibility prior to the December 10th Act 833 meeting.
- Rep. Schroder advised LDOE that the IEP reform and/or training is needed. Representative Schroder recommended LDOE compare how IEPs are developed and implemented in Louisiana relative to other states.
- Multiple members expressed the need for urgency in providing guidance to schools and teachers for students seeking to graduate in May 2015. LDOE shared plans for the series of webinars specific to Act 833 implementation and longer range plan for increasing training and technical assistance with IEP development. Specific suggestions for training and technical assistance documents included: producing a brochure geared toward parents and students, provide case study examples, provide in-person training, and offer training sessions tailored for different target audiences.
- Superintendent White requested all questions and/or requests for guidance related to Act 833 implementation to be sent directly to him.

Meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.