

Ohio Supervisors of School Psychologists
(O.S.S.P.)

Meeting Minutes

March 7, 2013

1. Dr. Perry Clark (OSSP Chair) welcomed the group. He will ship his homemade maple syrup to all those who attended.
2. Mrs. Ann Brennan (OSPA Executive Director) gave a legislative update. She discussed the significant variability in the current funding proposal and the implications for various LEAs. She discussed the potential elimination of the school psychologist (and speech pathologist) ratio. Minimum salaries have also been eliminated. Intern funding has been retained. Ann is meeting with all legislators on the education subcommittees.
3. Dr. Michael Petrasek (Consultant, Office of Exceptional Children, Division of Special Education, Ohio Department of Education) provided a legal update, particularly in terms of how the proposed budget may have differential impacts on traditional public vs. charter schools.
4. Dr. Rob Kubick presented preliminary data obtained from the OSPA Omnibus Survey. Data shared included demographics, working conditions, human resource allocation, types and lengths of evaluations, participation in IEPs, and software database feedback.
5. Dr. Erich Merkle presented information on child maltreatment (e.g., abuse, neglect) and threat assessments/duty to warn. Resources were shared with participants.
6. Discussions were held about evaluation of school psychologists and the potential impact of state-level initiatives for evaluating teachers on school psychologists.

7. Nominations were taken for a new OSSP Chair. Rachel Freeman-Hicks and Kathie MacNeil are the new OSSP Co-Chairs. Karen Stine is the OSSP Secretary.
8. Next year's OSSP meetings will be held 9:30 to 12:00ish at OCALI, 470 Glenmont Ave. Columbus, Ohio 43214-3210
9. Future meeting dates for next school year have been scheduled:
 - Tuesday, October 8, 2013
 - Wednesday, December 4, 2013
 - Thursday, April 3, 2014

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary – Ohio Supervisors of School Psychologists (OSSP); March 7, 2013