

# MINUTES

ESE Advisory Panel Family Engagement Sub-Committee Meeting 12.10.24

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## Attendance

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Vanessa Seron – Instructional support Specialist, MDCPS Exceptional Student Education (ESE)

- Committee Chairperson

Beverly Heller - Chair of the Superintendent's District Advisory Panel for ESE

Delsey Yancoskie – Instructional Supervisor, MDCPS Parent and Family Department

Rachel Lafrance, Director of Community Outreach, FDLRS- South – Serving KIPP Charter, Mater Academy, Miami-Dade and Monroe

Danielle Leys – Outreach Coordinator - Parent to Parent Miami

Humberto Rodriguez, Instructional Supervisor, MDCPS Exceptional Student Education (ESE)

Nikki Batista, Thriving Mind South Florida

Nisermey Ferro, Thriving Mind South Florida

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## I. Welcome and Introductions

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The meeting began at 11:35 am. Ms. Seron welcomed everyone to the ESE Advisory Panel Family Engagement sub-committee Meeting. All participants in attendance introduced themselves to the panel.

Vanessa Seron summarizes the minutes from the previous meeting. She introduces two organizations with a similar mission and purpose as the Family Engagement sub-committee. Representatives from the **Parent Academy Miami** and **Thriving Minds** were invited to present the resources and services they provide to parents and families.

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## III. Parent and Family Engagement Organizations

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### 1<sup>st</sup> presenter: Ms. Yancoskie

Ms. Yancoskie shares the resources and services provided by the Parent and Family department in Miami Dade County Public Schools. She also shares the resource Hubs available in the community to support parents and families in navigating through life. There are courses, such as, building computer skills, applying for a job, available in English, Spanish and Haitian Creole. All the sessions are free and are not geographically bound. Parents and community partners can find resources at their website [www.ParentAcademyMiami.com](http://www.ParentAcademyMiami.com). Virtual, combination

workshops are available for families. Weekly webinars 9:00 AM or 6:00 PM.

A motion is made for this information to be shared with the PTA. By including it in the PTA newsletter, it could reach at least 1,000 parents.

**2<sup>nd</sup> presenter: Ms. Ferro**

Nisermey Ferro presents the services from Thriving Mind South Florida. The organization promotes behavioral health care for individuals and their families. They focus on the following services for children, youth and young adults: prevention, Crisis, Outpatient, Residential and Supportive services. These services will only be provided upon parent of guardian consent to treatment.

Thriving Minds also connects adults and parents to support services through their partners as well.

<https://thrivingmind.org/>

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**IV. Final Comments**

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The panel discussed the format for the brochures and flyers. The Parent Academy and committee members shared recommendations of tools used to create these resources. Vanessa assigned different committee members to work on a specific section of the brochure. We will reconvene to review the final product at our next meeting.

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**IV. Future Meeting Dates**

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February 11, 2025, at 11:30 am; April 8, 2025, at 11:30 am.

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**IV. Adjournment**

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Ms. Seron Thanks everyone for attending. A calendar invite is forthcoming.

**End Time: 12:30 PM**