

Superintendent's District Advisory Panel for Exceptional Student Education  
Early Childhood Subcommittee Meeting  
December 13, 2022

**MINUTES**

Attendees: Claudia Lequerica, Silvia Lewis, Amanda Ley, Laurie Mailman, Averill Obee, Julio Suarez, Javonie Wilcox, Delsey Yancoskie

I. Welcome/Introductions

- The meeting was called to order at 11:34 am.
- Introductions

II. Review/Approval of Minutes

- Mrs. Wilcox reviewed the committee minutes from October 22, 2022.

III. Committee Goals

- Mrs. Wilcox provided the following data on the progress of the committee's goals.
  - **1) Supporting Families:** During 2021-2022, the Parent Academy shared information about their online and live webinars, Children's Trust Book Club Initiative, and Summer Synergy for Parents. F.I.U shared information about its *Parent Club*, which provides free evidence-based seminars for children ages 0-16. The district's ESE department redefined its Child Find processes for non-MDCPS students and conducted summer screenings.
  - **2) Supporting Pre-K ESE Programs Awareness and Participation:** From 7/1/2022 to 10/27/2022, the Pre- K ESE website has been visited by 5926 new users. This is an increase of 1006 visitors from the same period a year ago.
  - **Expanding and Supporting Inclusive Opportunities:** Special Olympics increased its Young Athletes program enrollment.

IV. PreK ESE Update

- Mr. Suarez reported that Pre-K ESE is currently working on a parent survey for its Positive Parenting Practices (PPP) workshop and reviewing 941 student records as part of Indicator 12 data requested by the State.

V. Parent Academy Updates

- Ms. Yancoskie informed the committee that 350-400 individuals attended the Parent Academy's Family Fest event held on December 3, 2022, at Parkway Educational Complex.
- The next Family Fest event is tentatively scheduled for April 2023. Community agencies interested in reserving a table at the event should contact Ms. Yancoskie ( dyancoskie@dadeschools.net).
- The Parent Academy will host weekly live webinars in English, Spanish, and Creole. Families should visit <https://parentacademymiami.com/> for specific dates, times, and registration info.

Upcoming Parent Academy Webinars:

- Mindful Parenting (January 2023)
- M-DCPS Police & Families Series #2 Sexting (January 2023)
- Postsecondary Career Pathways (January 2023)
- Navigating Mental Wellness (February 2023)
- Florida Assessment of Students Thinking (FAST) (February 2023)
- Teaching Kindness (February 2023)
- Test Anxiety (February 2023)
- Paying for College (February 2023)
- Understanding Adolescence (March 2023)
- Gifted Learners (March 2023)

#### VI. Community Agency Updates

- Special Olympics
  - Ms. Lequerica informed the committee that their Young Athletes program enrollment has increased. Twenty-four M-DCPS schools have registered so far this year. Twenty-one schools participated last year.
- F.I.U.
  - FUI's the Parent Club is currently offering a parent workshop entitled, *Toddlers and Tantrums: What every parent needs to know*. Any schools interested in hosting a workshop should contact Dr. Hart ([khart@fiu.edu](mailto:khart@fiu.edu)).

#### VII. Q & A

The meeting adjourned at 12:05 pm.

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