

Superintendent Advisory Panel for ESE

April 26, 2022

MINUTES

Attendees: Marisol Diaz, Josee Gregoire, Katie Hart, Kelli Hunter-Sheppard, Silvia Lewis, Julio Suarez, Javonie Wilcox, Delsey Yancoskie, Mayte Felipe

I. Welcome/Introductions

- The meeting was called to order at 2:35 pm.
- Introductions

II. Review/Approval of Minutes

- Motioned to accept the minutes was granted by Dr. Josee Gregoire and seconded by Dr. Katie Hart.

III. Committee Goals

- Ms. Diaz reviewed the committee's goals: 1) Supporting Families, 2) Supporting Pre-K ESE Program Awareness and Participation, and 3) Expanding and Supporting Inclusive Opportunities.
- Ms. Diaz discussed increasing the committee's parent participation. Possible solutions include revising the committee's meeting time and having Pre-K ESE staffing specialists share information about the committee with families.
- The committee agreed to keep the goals as outlined.

IV. Pre-K ESE to Kindergarten Articulation

- Mr. Suarez reported that Pre-K Kindergarten articulation meetings are in process.
- PreK ESE has seen an increase in families that did not access services in PreK requesting an IEP for Kindergarten. This increase may be attributed to increased comfort to resume school with reduced COVID cases, the Family Empowerment Scholarship and older age of students.
- Ms. Diaz discussed the importance of enrollment/recruitment in PreK programs and the entire district. In addition, the committee discussed possible solutions: 1) sharing information about the Pre-K ESE website during eligibility and IEP meetings, 2) increasing advertising across all media platforms, and 3) attending and organizing recruitment fairs/community events.

V. Pre-K ESE Updates

- Dr. Gregoire reported that the program's enrollment has increased, and additional programs may be open for the 2022-2023 school year.
- PreK ESE is currently partnering with FIU's Parent Club and the Advocacy Network to offer parent workshops at school sites. There is an upcoming event on May 5, 2022, at Biscayne Gardens Elementary.

VI. Updates from other Departments/Partners

- FIU
 - Dr. Hart's team is currently collaborating with PreK ESE to provide parent workshops and the History Miami Museum for their Free Family Fun Days. Dr. Hart offered an opportunity for Pre-K programs to recruit during the event. Dr. Hart will share additional information with Ms. Diaz. More information about the free museum days can be found at <https://www.historymiami.org/event/?t=upcoming>.

- Parent Academy
 - Ms. Yancoskie informed the committee of the upcoming Children's Trust Pop-Up Family Expo. She also informed the committee that The Parent Academy organizes M-DCPS tables, and she will inform the committee of any recruitment opportunities.

Children's Trust Pop-Up Family Expo
Dates: Saturday, July 23 (Central)
Saturday, July 30 (South) Saturday, August 6 (North)
Specific locations and times are pending.

- M-DCPS ESE
 - Dr. Hunter-sheppard shared that ESE will provide more screening opportunities in the summer for students ages 5-22.
 - The department will be offering a BDI screening workshop for teachers in May and an opportunity to earn extra money during the summer. Information is forthcoming.

VII. Q & A

Next meeting agenda items

- ESE Summer screenings

Meeting adjourned at 3:04 pm.

Next meeting

2022-2023 school year

Enjoy your summer!