

Superintendent's District Advisory Panel for Exceptional Student Education

Educational Programs/Inclusion Sub-Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 28, 2021
2:30pm-4:30pm

Zoom Link:
https://zoom.us/j/92304956822?pwd=V2dtWUIZdGtISURkcm5BOHIQRDFMZZ09
Meeting ID: 923 0495 6822
Passcode: 060765

Attendance:	
Beverly Heller, Parent	Maria Ratti, Parent
Gigi Arrieta, ESE	
Gisel Prado, Miami-Dade Parks and Recreation	
Mark Thompson, Special Olympics	

- Welcome and Introductions
 - Participants introduced themselves
 - Mr. Mark Thompson spoke on the Special Olympics Unified Champions program
- Review of 2020-2021 goals
- Creation of goals for 2021-2022 school year
 - Selection of the Inclusion Achievement Award winner
 - Sensitivity Training for all staff members
 - Delineate a position on changes to legislation as it pertains to students on modified curriculum
- Create action items and timelines for goals.
 - Inclusion Achievement Award – Mr. Salmasi will send out information to subcommittee members. Pending tasks include:

- Informing schools and stakeholders: Weekly Briefing – prepare briefing with the application
 - Gathering of information: Schools Apply by deadline
 - Review of applications
 - Selection of Award Winner
- Sensitivity Training
 - Mr. Salmasi will ensure sessions on Disability Awareness are available during Inclusive Schools Week. Mr. Salmasi will share the number of sessions, openings in the sessions, as well as actual attendance numbers
 - Invite FDLRS to December subcommittee meeting to review the Disability Awareness training
 - The subcommittee will inquire with the Panel’s representative on the PTSA regarding a structure for a ‘children with exceptionalities leader’ in each school to support with sensitivity initiatives
- Legislative advocacy for students with exceptionalities
 - The subcommittee would like to inquire with the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to pull the legislative items related to students with disabilities for review during the December subcommittee meeting
 - The subcommittee will invite a representative from the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to an upcoming subcommittee meeting
 - Subcommittee will make recommendations to the Advisory Panel
- Determine schedule of meetings.
 - Proposed dates:
 - Thursday, December 16, 2021
 - Thursday, February 24, 2022
 - Thursday, April 28, 2022
 - Mr. Salmasi will review calendars and subcommittee conflicts in order to ensure accessibility.
- Agenda discussion
 - FDLRS – Disability Awareness
 - Office of Intergovernmental Affairs – Legislative Advocacy - priority
 - Dyslexperts/Reading Success Academy

- Summer school & Extended School Year
- New business
 - Mr. Salmasi will reach out to Mr. Escallon regarding PTSA collaboration and involvement regarding ESE & Gifted committees
- Adjournment