

Educational Programs/Inclusion Subcommittee Meeting

Tuesday, March 2, 2021

2:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m.

- I. ESE Parent Survey
- II. Technical Support Provided to Schools
- III. Inclusion Achievement Award
- IV. Questions
- V. Adjourn Meeting

Subcommittee members in attendance:

Hermoine Wilson-Lang, Beverly Heller, Laurie Malman, Mark Thompson, Dr. Cumming, Reagan Chalmers, Patrick Salmasi

Meeting Minutes:

Meeting was opened by reviewing the technical support that the various teams within the ESE Department has provided to school teams. Following that, information was shared about the ESE parent survey and how to share that with other parents.

Reagan shared the information from the schools that applied for the Inclusion Achievement Award. Beverly and Mark had mentioned schools that they would like to nominate for the award. Reagan offered to send the application to those schools.

Mark shared information regarding Special Olympics and events for the team to share out. Patrick shared information about the parent workshops that the ESE Department has been hosting. A suggestion was made to offer more recorded webinars so that parents could watch "on demand." Patrick shared that the Department has done this and that during live sessions, at times it is difficult to record and share out because parents speak about personal information regarding their child (which prevents him from being able to record and share "on demand").

A question was posed about Professional Development around the topic of inclusion. Reagan shared the technical support that the inclusion team provides and responded to related questions about that topic.

Patrick also shared information about the SHINE Academy. Dr. Cumming indicated that she would like to collaborate with Patrick to identify areas of need that new teachers have. She would like to use that information to inform practices at the pre-service level.

A subcommittee member had raised concerns about the objectives of the group. She indicated that she attended a legislative session earlier this afternoon and that she feels this committee should be able to review legislation and advocate pro or against it. Reagan had indicated that this is outside of the scope of this subcommittee. She did acknowledge the legislation regarding dyslexia that was brought up and reported that the district does have a process in place where leaders review and speak to the legislation. This member also wanted to revise the goals of the group and would like more information about if this could be revised. Reagan reported that she would need to ask and get that information back to her.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:24 p.m.