

Miami-Dade County Public Schools

Superintendent's District Advisory Panel for Exceptional Student Education

Gifted Sub-Committee – Minutes from October 13, 2021 meeting

Attendees:

In-person – Lisette Rodriguez, Beverly Heller, Maria Sellek, Jeannette Macias

Virtual Platform (Zoom) – Maria Ratti, Beth Warman

Discussion Items

- Reviewed Strategic Plan – Pillar 1 (Relevant, Rigorous, and Innovative Academics) and how it impacts the gifted program, with emphasis on Priority 3.
 - Priority 1: Ensure all students graduate with a relevant, viable post-secondary plan.
 - Priority 2: Eliminate the achievement gap while accelerating all students to their full academic potential.
 - Priority 3: Provide equitable access to quality and innovative instructional programs.

- Discussed School Board Meeting Approved Agenda Item H-14 (Providing and Promoting Rigorous and Innovative Academics)
 - Ms. Heller and Ms. Ratti expressed concerns regarding the number of students participating in competitions and how it is limited in some schools.
 - The Department of Advanced Academic Programs described other competitions that could be included, such as The Fairchild Challenge and The New York Times - Learning Network Writing Contest.
 - The Department of Advanced Academic Programs will publish a Weekly Briefing regarding competitions, and Ms. Heller will share with the PTSA.

- Registration for upcoming Gifted UCONN Events
 - The Department of Advanced Academic Programs provided parent registration information for upcoming Gifted UCONN events.

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- Gifted Sub-Committee Goals for 2021-2022 - Draft
 - Goal 1: The ESE Panel Gifted Sub-Committee supports increasing identification of underrepresented students in gifted education.
 - Goal 2: The ESE Panel Gifted Sub-Committee supports professional development for teachers on instructional resources and strategies to address the needs of gifted learners, including their social-emotional development.
 - Goal 3: The ESE Panel Gifted Sub-Committee will share important gifted updates and information with parents.

Next meeting – Thursday, December 2, 2021 at 10:00 AM