

Educational Programs/Inclusion Subcommittee Meeting
March 12, 2024
11:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.

Members Present:

Maria Ratti
Reagan Chalmers
Laurie Malman
LaKisha Richardson Jones
Krystal Giraldo
Gisel Pardo

Minutes:

Reagan Chalmers opened the meeting by sharing some updates regarding school programs and the utilization of materials purchased for schools with self-contained programs.

Additionally, Reagan shared information with team members regarding Extended School Year for 2024 (dates offered) and a flyer for an ACCESS Program to be held at the College of the Florida Keys.

Next, Gisel Pardo shared information regarding Miami Parks and Recreation. She shared that Miami-Dade Parks has purchased sensory materials that will be utilized at some of their summer camp sites and that a full listing of summer camp sites will be shared soon.

Maria Ratti had added that a great idea is to involve school site PTAs so that community entities can also share resources related to sensory items for their local school site.

It was proffered that MDCPS, the Children's Trust, and Miami-Dade Parks and Recreation should compile a master listing of offerings for the summer so that parents can have all of this important information in one place. Ms. Pardo shared where families can access the Summer Camps information for Miami-Dade Parks.

Ms. Giraldo had inquired where families can locate listings of self-contained programs. Ms. Chalmers did a walkthrough of the MDCPS website and showed how families can access this information online.

There was a discussion about the inclusion programs throughout MDCPS, particularly co-teaching and how it is implemented across various school sites. There was discussion about the desire to strengthen and increase the amount of co-teaching classrooms.

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 pm.