

Superintendent Advisory Panel for Students with Disabilities  
Early Childhood Sub-Committee Meeting

*October 26, 2021*

**MINUTES**

Attendees: Marisol Diaz, Kelli Hunter-Sheppard, Josee Gregoire, Beverly Heller, Lynne Katz, Ericka Hicks-Brown, Silvia Lewis, Lynn Miskiel, Jeanne Pefit, Julio Suarez, Mark Thompson, Javonie Wilcox, Delsey Yancoskie

I. Welcome/Introductions

- Meeting called to order at 2:31 pm.
- Introductions

II. Review/Approval of Minutes

- Motioned to accept the minutes was given by Mark Thompson and seconded by Julio Suarez.

III. Pre-K Enrollment Trends

- Ms. Diaz reviewed the ESSER expansion: 48 VPK classrooms & 7 Pre-K ESE classrooms
- The Early Childhood Department has enrollment availability. Interested parties should contact 305-995-7632 for more information.
- PreK ESE is currently tracking student enrollment. Data will be shared at the next meeting.
- To increase enrollment, Dr. Katz suggested for new parents to talk to currently enrolled parents.

IV. Child Outcome Summaries

- Entry and Exit BDI assessment will no longer be required for new students meeting eligibility after July 2021.
- All students entering the PreK ESE program after July 2021, will require a Child Outcome Summary (COS).
- Dr. Gregoire reported that on October 29, 2021, PreK ESE teachers will start receiving training on the COS process.

V. House Bill 419

- VPK accountability is changing. During the 2022-2023, classes will be observed by an outside provider. VPK Provider Performance Metric will replace the current VPK Provider Kindergarten Readiness Rate. HB 419 will require all VPK teachers to complete three 5-hour emergent literacy classes.

## VI. Resources to support families

- The ESE department is currently working on resources to support families during the Child Find process.
- The Head Start program, informed the committee that they currently have a *Referral Process Checklist for Parents*. Mrs. Diaz and Dr. Hunter-Sheppard would like to discuss this more in depth in the future.

## VII. Updates program updates and available resources

- Parent Academy
  - Ms. Yancoskie reported that the Parent Academy is currently offering online and live webinars.
  - Parent Academy will be offering *Reading at Home* webinars in November.
  - Parent Academy is currently collaborating with Children's Trust on a Book Club initiative. The Children's Trust Book Club provides free monthly books for families of children 0-5.
  - Parent Academy is currently recruiting Family Support Specialist.
- FDLRS
  - Dr. Hunter-Sheppard reported that FDLRS will be starting an onboarding process with parents. Roll-out will begin taking place in January 2022.
- Special Olympics
  - Mr. Thompson reported that Special Olympics is currently collaborating with 10 schools in MDCPS and 5 Easter Seals locations.
  - Mr. Thompson requested to receive the names of schools that may be interested in Special Olympics.

## VIII. Q & A

### Next meeting agenda items

- PreK ESE enrollment survey data
- Update on PreK Referral Process

Motion to close the meeting was given by Mark Thompson and seconded by Dr. Miskiel. Meeting adjourned at 3:36 pm

### Next meeting

December 14, 2021, at 2:30 pm

Meetings will be held every other month on the second Tuesday at 2:30 pm in dual- modalities.