

Superintendent's District Advisory Panel for Exceptional Student Education
Early Childhood Subcommittee Meeting
Thursday, October 24 · 10:30 – 11:30 am

MINUTES

Attendees: Sabrina Bishop, Josee Gregoire, Beverly Heller, Yanire Iturria, Lynn Maceyras, Lynn Miskiel, Patrick Salmalsi, Julio Suarez, Mark Thompson, Victoria Quintanilla

• **Welcome/Introductions:**

- The meeting was called to order at 10:50 a.m.
- Introductions

I. Review/Approval of Minutes and Agenda:

- Dr. Gregoire shared the meeting agenda and minutes. Victoria Quintanilla made a motion to accept the agenda and minutes. Lynn Maceyras seconded the motions. The motion to accept the agenda and minutes was approved without corrections.

II. Committee Goals:

- Dr. Gregoire shared the committee goals with the team.
 - 1) Supporting Families
 - 2) Supporting Pre-K ESE Programs Awareness and Participation
 - 3) Expanding and Supporting Inclusive Opportunities

III. Review/Update Committee Goals:

- Dr. Gregoire asked for questions or comments related to the committee goals. Lynn Maceyras made a motion to keep the Committee Goals. Mr. Suarez seconded the motion. The Committee agreed to keep the goals as presented.

IV. Discuss Meeting dates and times for this year:

- Dr. Gregoire reviewed the dates that were presented at the last meeting on April 23, 2024. The Committee discussed whether to keep those dates or change to new dates for the remainder of this year. Due to scheduling conflicts, the committee agreed to keep the original dates of 10/24/24, 12/10/24, 2/25/25, and 4/22/25, for the remainder of the school year. Mr. Salmasi made a motion to keep the original dates and Ms. Maceyras seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Gregoire reviewed the dates so that committee members could mark their calendars.

V. Early Childhood Update:

- Ms. Maceyras reported that a 6.0 or higher is the target score to achieve on the CLASS. The CLASS is broken down into 3 domains Emotional Support, Classroom Organization, and Instructional Support Domains. The average score for Emotional Support is 6.7, Classroom Organization is at 6.7, and Instructional Support Domain is below the 4.0 mark. She stated that the focus right now is on instructing teachers how

to interpret data for the FAST and how to use that data to guide instruction. The goal is to help teachers work with the students by using quality interactions and understanding what is important in terms of questioning and planning so that they can effectively plan to use the data and build on that instructional support.

- Ms. Maceyras stated that starting this school year, every provider will be receiving a performance metric. Just as every school receives a school grade, Early Childhood programs are also going to be receiving a performance metric. It is very important to have a high score on the CLASS which will yield higher points. If the provider scores below expectations or unsatisfactory they would be considered a Provider on Probation.
- Ms. Maceyras also shared teachers will have to implement a progress monitoring plan after PM 2. Teachers will receive training on November 5, 2024, and Pre-K ESE will be included in these trainings. A Progress monitoring plan needs to be implemented to ensure the success of students by the end of the year. The magic score students should be receiving at the end of the year is 707 and that will determine Kindergarten Readiness. Previously, Kindergarten Readiness was determined at the beginning of Kindergarten on PM1, but this year and moving forward it will be at PM3.
- Ms. Maceyras gave a shoutout to the City of Miami Beach for being a supporter of Early Childhood Education. Fienberg Fisher is a fee-supported program, and the City of Miami Beach supports those families that would have to pay for the second half of the day by providing a scholarship and paying the second half of the day.
- At 11:19 a.m., Dr. Gregoire asked Beverly Heller if she would like to introduce herself. Ms. Heller introduced herself and shared that she is the Vice Chair for this Committee and, also serves as Vice Chair for the Committee for Students with Exceptionalities and co-chairs the Superintendent's Advisory Board for Early Childhood Subcommittee. Ms. Heller reported she was at the ABC Committee earlier and that is why she was late to this subcommittee meeting.
- Dr. Gregoire asked for additional questions or comments. There were no questions or comments.

VI. Pre-K ESE Update:

- Mr. Suarez reported that Pre-K ESE started with an enrollment of 1,837 Pre-K ESE students this school year. The Inclusion Programs which include VPK, Head Start, Consult, Inclusion settings, and LEAP Programs have 530 students.
- Mr. Suarez shared that the Positive Parenting Practices classes provided training and support for families last year. Attendance ranged from 29-39 participants.
- Dr. Gregoire stated that the parent trainings are provided intensively to parents for multiple weeks. Families are provided with strategies and multiple resources that they can practice at home and in other settings with their children. Materials are purchased and handed to parents at the end of the training so they can continue to practice all the strategies learned.
- Dr. Gregoire asked for questions or comments. There were no questions or comments.

VII. Community Agency Updates:

- Dr. Gregoire shared information about the PRIDE PTA Harvest Festival to be held on Saturday, November 2, 2024, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The address is 5555 SW 93 Avenue Miami, Florida 33165. A flyer will be emailed to all the committee members.
- Mr. Thompson shared information about the Unified Champion Schools, a national Inclusion Program in the state of Florida. There are approximately 500 Unified Champion Schools. The state of Florida was awarded 10 Unified Champion Schools Honorees.
 - ❖ Mr. Salmalsi acknowledged Dr. Gregoire for balancing her responsibilities as the principal for the PRIDE Pre-K ESE Program along with chairing this committee. He stated that she is running an actual school and that it is a lot of responsibility and a lot of work. He commended her for doing that really tough work.
 - ❖ Dr. Gregoire stated that she couldn't do it without Mr. Salmalsi's support.

VIII. Q & A:

- There were no additional questions.

IX. Next Meeting:

- Thursday, December 10, 2024; Time 10:30 a.m.
- Dr. Gregoire asked for a motion to adjourn. Ms. Miskiel made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Maceyras seconded the motion. The committee agreed to end, and the meeting was adjourned at 11:22 a.m.