

# Superintendent's Panel for ESE Parent Engagement Sub-Committee Meeting

## December 4, 2019 Minutes

Present: Beverly Heller, Maria Ratti, Lissett Robayna, Dr. Kelli Hunter Sheppard, Ally Walford, Hermine Wilson-Lang, Dr. Angel Rodriguez, Dr. Magalie Abrahante

- 1) Review of 2019-2019 Goals
- 2) Discussion and proposal of 2019-2020 Goals

Goal 1: Work with the Department of Family Support Services to facilitate the attendance of parents of students in Exceptional Student Education (ESE) at the general ESE Advisory Panel meetings in the hopes of filling vacant positions on the Panel and extending the Panel's outreach in the community.

Goal 2: Partner with the local Family Network on Disabilities (FND) team to establish a district Parents As Leaders (PAL) initiative for parents of students in ESE.

Goal 3: Promote awareness of ESE issues and increase engagement of ESE families by partnering with organizations/structures such as the (Parent Teacher Association) PTA and school (Educational Excellence School Advisory Councils) EESAC.

- 3) Other topics discussed:
  - a. maintain a positive approach with all partners and stakeholders;
  - b. focus on our common strengths, model empathy and active listening skills;
  - c. share our personal stories as appropriate to encourage other parents on the ESE journey;
  - d. use our influence on other panels and committees to increase awareness of ESE issues that affect families; and
  - e. continue to implement and monitor the three parent/family engagement goals established beyond the 2019-2020 school year.
- 4) Next Subcommittee Meeting: January 16, 2020 1 PM