

# ESE Parent Engagement Sub-Committee Meeting

*March 7, 2018*

## **MINUTES**

Attendees: Alina Gallego, Vivian Núñez, Maggie Neville, Angel Rodriguez, & Ernie Martinez  
On Phone: Dr. Kelli Hunter, Maria Ratti, & Ire Diaz

- Meeting called to order at 1:40 PM
- Introductions & approval of minutes

### Goal 1: Family Participation

- Parent Trainings are being conducted by:
  - ✓ FSS Department – 3 webinars of different attended by over 1000 parents; topics – Literacy, RtI, Social-Emotional Development.
  - ✓ ESE Dept – One Coffey Talk per Month are taking place; Carousel at Gulfstream coming on 4/19/18; Parent Focus groups took place during February to provide feedback on ESE Services; Small Educational Talks coming soon.
- ESE Survey – Surveys sorted and sent to Regions from ESE Office; survey window open through May 2018
- Family Expo - 4/21/18 at Miami Central; centered around the exhibitors allows parents to ask specific questions to them.

### Goal 2: Partnerships

- Universities – FSS Dept supports the FIU Center for Children and Families and the UM Miller School with family centered projects.
- Families CAN! – The FSS Dept is collaborating with Ms. Ire Diaz to support families at the PHP schools.
- Hope for Miami – Summer Camps and After-Care programs for SWD is being proposed; will know by April.
- Collaboration with District Departments on family issues continues
- Grants – Children’s Trust is a strong supporter of ESE

### Goal 3: Major Areas of Need

- Transition Programs – A long discussion about State changes to APD and Medicaid Waiver took place. The team suggested this issue needs further discussion and collaboration with the Transition Sub-Committee Meeting and the Panel at large. There is concern that recent legislation allows VR to only have a “presence” at meetings without requiring a person to be physically present. We would to know the position of VR and APD. We want to work together to ensure a seamless transition as students graduate.
- Mental Health Services – this is a priority for schools and we should do whatever we can to support greater access to metal health services.
- IEP Process – Concerns about IEP implementation at schools is an on-going challenge. Families need more information, resources, and support with the process.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM