

**Superintendent’s District Advisory Panel for Exceptional Student Education**

*Low-Incidence Exceptionalities Subcommittee*

Meeting Minutes

February 16, 2021

**Members Present:**

Lynn Miskiel	Sascha Ramsay-Etienne
Patrick Salmasi	Mylene Foster
Kathy Vergara	Charmille Walters
Laura Chinloy	Reagan Chalmers
Mara Kunitz	

*Welcome and Introductions*

Members introduced themselves to the group.

*Review of 2020-2021 Goals*

The subcommittee reviewed the 2020-2021 Goals.

- Goal 1: To review the status of students eligible for Dual Sensory and D/HH-PK in the District.
  - The group will research what the population of D/HH, VI, and DS are in other very large districts across the state, as well as whether there is a predictive number generated by the FLDOE that will provide comparative data.
  - Participation in articulation on February 26. This will provide VI and D/HH an opportunity to ensure that individuals know they can reach out to them prior to staffings for input on cases.
- Goal 2: To evaluate professional development needs for teachers in relation to instructional strategies for use with students with Low-Incidence exceptionalities.
  - D/HH has partnered with the Resource and Materials Training Center for the Deaf/Hard of Hearing (RMTC-D/HH).
  - The teachers of the Visually Impaired have access to webinars from the Florida Instructional Materials Center for the Visually Impaired (FIMC-VI).
  - The group will create a survey for itinerants and teachers on PD needs.
    - Rough draft will be shared by 2/22/21.
    - Finalized survey to be shared with intended respondents by 3/1/2021
    - Deadline for responses will be set for 3/26/2021.
    - Data will be reviewed at next subcommittee meeting (4/20/2021).
  - The group is also exploring the opportunity for short professional development resources on instructional strategies for teachers of students with low-incidence exceptionalities.
  - The group is advocating for enhanced access to materials created by ESE groups by providing access on [ese.dadeschools.net](http://ese.dadeschools.net), [sldinclusion.com](http://sldinclusion.com).

- Goal 3: To monitor the development of postsecondary transition resources for students with Low-Incidence exceptionalities.
  - The group would like to add resources to the transition section of the ESE website.
  - The group is assembling a spreadsheet with additional resources from colleagues from the VI and D/HH programs.