

Superintendent's District Advisory Panel for Exceptional Student Education
Early Childhood Subcommittee Meeting
April 18, 2023

MINUTES

Attendees: Tracey Crews, Ire Diaz, Josee Gregoire, Katie Hart, Beverly Heller, Claudia Lequerica, Sylvia Lewis, Laurie Malman, Claudia Monsalve, Julio Suarez, Mark Thompson, Javonie Wilcox, Delsey Yancoskie

I. Welcome/Introductions

- The meeting was called to order at 11:31 am.
- Introductions

II. Review/Approval of Minutes

- Dr. Gregoire reviewed the meeting agenda. Ms. Malman made a motion to accept the agenda. Ms. Yancoskie seconded the motion. Dr. Gregoire reviewed the committee minutes from February 21, 2023. Ms. Yancoskie motioned to accept the minutes with a correction to fix a typo of two committee members' names. Ms. Malman seconded the motion. The minutes were accepted with the corrections.

III. Committee Goals

- Dr. Crews from the district's Office of Strategic Planning and Initiatives provided data on district-wide student enrollment.
 - Student enrollment has increased.
 - Eighteen thousand students have enrolled from foreign countries.
 - The district has surpassed its 2026 strategic goal by 2,000 students.
 - The district is slated to become the third-largest school district in the country. Confirmation is pending.
 - Stakeholders can send questions/inquiries regarding enrollment to enrollments@dadeschools.net.
- Ms. Monsalve provided information on Pre-K ESE's Positive Parenting Practices training.
 - These virtual weekly sessions started in March 2023 and will end on April 19, 2023.
 - Topics covered are: Making the Connection, Keeping it Positive, Teaching Children to Follow Directions, Behavior Has a Meaning, Responding with Purpose, The Power of Routines, & Teach Me How to Communicate.
 - On average, 14 families have attended the session in English and 10 in the Spanish session.
 - Each family will receive the following materials after the training: first-then board, visual routine, breathing symbols, and behavioral symbols.
- Dr. Gregoire reported that Pre-K ESE is in the process of identifying additional inclusion seats for the 2023-2024 school year.

IV. Early Childhood /VPK Updates

- Ms. Diaz was unable to attend. Dr. Gregoire shared information about the CLASS Assessment Monitoring. At least 50% of sites have been visited. The sites that have received an unsatisfactory rating are scheduled for a re-assessment.

V. Pre-K ESE Update

- Mr. Suarez reported that articulation meetings are currently underway. The information will be compiled and sent to each region at the end of the academic year.

VI. Parent Academy Updates

- Ms. Yancoskie reminded the committee of The Parent Academy's Spring Family Fest that will be held on Saturday, April 22, 2023, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at Parkway Educational Complex. Families can get food, medical, and other resources from vendors and partners. For more information, please visit <https://parentacademymiami.com/>.
- The Parent Academy is collaborating with the district's assessment department to offer parent training on the FAST Assessment. Ms. Yancoskie will email the committee with more details.

Upcoming Parent Academy Webinars:

- Fathers in Education (April 18, 2023)-10th Anniversary
- Grandparenting (April 25, 2023)
- Mental Health Awareness (May 2, 2023)
- Post-Secondary Career Pathways (May 9, 2023)
- MDCPS Police and Families Series-#3 Cyberbullying (May 16, 2023)
- Mindful Eating (May 23, 2023)

VII. ESE Update

- Dr. Lewis reported that the ESE K-12 department would participate in The Parent Academy's Spring Family Fest.

VIII. Community Agency Updates

▪ Advocacy Network on Disabilities

- Ms. Diaz shared that the Advocacy Network on Disabilities will be offering a parent workshop to assist families of children with Autism with preparing for summer camps. The virtual training will be held Friday, April 21, 2023, at noon. Ms. Diaz will email the committee with more details. There are currently 55 families registered to attend.

▪ F.I.U.

- Dr. Hart shared that F.I.U. has 30 remaining slots for their summer camp program at Thena Crowder Early Childhood Center. The program runs from June 20 to August 3, 2023. The hours are 8:30 am to 3:00 pm, with breakfast, lunch, and snacks. Funded by the Children's Trust, the program is free for all attendees. There is a one-time

registration fee of \$50.00. For more information, please contact Dr. Hart (khart@fiu.edu).

- The Parent Club will offer a parent workshop on understanding Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD). For more information, please visit <https://ccf.fiu.edu/families/parent-club/>.
- The Parent Club would also participate in the Parent Academy's Spring Family Fest.
- The Reading Explorers Program will cohost a "The Right to Read" screening on May 9, 2023, at 6:30 pm in Coral Gables.
- Pre-K Diagnostics
 - Ms. Malman shared information on Pinecrest Garden's learning and sensory garden. For more information, please visit <https://www.pinecrestgardens.org/education/sensory-garden>.

IX. Q & A

The meeting adjourned at 12:34 pm. Have a great summer!

2023-2024: Tentative Meeting Dates

10/17/2023

12/5/2023

2/20/2024

4/23/2024