

Superintendent Advisory Panel for Exceptional Student Education
Early Childhood Sub Committee

December 12, 2019

MINUTES

Attendees: Marisol Diaz, Laurie Malman, Delsey Yancoskie, Lilian Lorenzo-Luaces, Danita Duhart, Katia Roda, Diana Abril, Lynne Katz, Kathleen Vergara, Javonie Wilcox

- Meeting called to order at 11:40 AM
- Introductions

Overview of Pre-K ESE Program models

- Dr. Sasseville reviewed the Pre-K ESE programs & models available in M-DCPS.
- Pre-K ESE currently has 110 schools; 215 classrooms; Opened 9 new classrooms.
- IDEA -Part B will start extending services for students with disabilities up to the age of 22.

Review Enrollment & Data

- 28% increase of student enrolled with disabilities over the past three years.
- 238 VPK Consult students in M-DCPS VPK Programs
- 108 Consult Students in Head Start Programs

Supporting Language & Literacy

- Ms. Diaz reviewed Everywhere Learning Campaign on the importance of Talking, Reading and Singing with children.
- Linda Ray is currently conducting research in language development.
- Lynne Katz stated that it would be a great idea to partner with M-DCPS to offer parental workshops on various topics. She also inquired about providing professional development to teachers. Kathleen Vergara (Debbie school) also agreed to do the same,
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Head Start/Early Head Start Update

- M-DCPS currently has 6% of children with disabilities currently enrolled in Head Start; 7.1% in Early Head Start. Identification of students in need of early intervention is important and goal for Head Start is 10% by the end of the year.
- Mrs. Wilcox reviewed the Head Start MDT process and Early Intervention services.

Partner Updates

- M-DCPS and University of Miami FDLRS programs have agreed to assist each other providing professional development for M-DCPS.
- FDLRS is assisting with language development for children transitioning to Kindergarten.
- Family Engagement department discussed various program they provide. They offer virtual parental workshops. Their virtual campus is looking for host.
- Kathleen Vergara suggested that the committee create a universal parent feedback form.

- Trust Parent workshops are offered through FIU.

Family Engagement

- Parents that were presented requested a central website location to access important parent information for families with children in need of early intervention and ESE services

Identifying Parent 3 Subcommittee Goals

- Increasing Family Engagement awareness
- Increase Inclusion rate and/or availability of inclusion programs.
- Expanding language and literacy professional development for teachers.

Next meeting agenda items

- Universal Parent Survey (Dr. Sasseville and Dr. Katz)
- Acronym List (Ms. Malmon)
- Transition to Kindergarten (Dr. Sasseville)

Next meeting January 28, 2020; Time 11:30 am; Location PreK ESE Department

Meeting adjourned at 1:50 PM