

Subcommittee Meeting Notes

Date of Meeting: November 6, 2018

Location: JRE Lee Educational Center Room 3

Subcommittee Members in Attendance:

Angie Torres

Reagan Chalmers

Laurie Malman

Mark Thompson

- Meeting began by discussing the Superintendent's Advisory Panel for Exceptional Student Education "Inclusion Achievement Award." Reagan provided overview for new team members and objective of award.
- Team members reviewed applications submitted for North, Central, and South Regions.
- Discussion centered around size of ESE program at schools, inclusion of students with disabilities, programs that the school is currently serving (i.e. Autism Spectrum Disorders, Intellectual Disabilities). Team looked at inclusion rate of students with specific learning disabilities for those schools who applied that had high levels of students who typically are served in ESE classrooms.
- Team also discussed schools' responses and experiences with the schools. Achievement data was reviewed for the schools who described their gains of SWD.
- The schools selected for the award are Royal Palm Elementary (South), Emerson Elementary (Central), and Aventura Waterways K-8 Center (North).
- After discussion of Inclusion Achievement Award, Mark had brought up best practices in schools and the need to be aware of scenarios where SWD are inadvertently excluded (i.e. SWD educated in their own "wing"). He mainly pointed out high schools. Angie and Reagan asked for additional information so that support can be provided to those sites.
- Angie and Reagan reviewed with team updates of what is taking place for students with disabilities participating on a standard curriculum and those participating on the Access Points (modified) curriculum.
 - Team reviewed websites
 - Team discussed available resources
- Professional Development opportunities were brought up.
- Team discussed how we need to keep "sharing out" the resources and opportunities to participate in these activities.
- Angie mentioned how the Workplace is used as a tool along with Twitter and email.
- Mark discussed what the Special Olympics Program is about and outlined schools that are active with Special Olympics.
- Reagan and Angie asked for a flyer so that we could share out.
- Laurie asked if Special Olympics supports PK, and Mark indicated that they do. Laurie asked for information about that so that she can share along as well.

Meeting Adjourned.