



**School District of Palm Beach County, Florida**  
**ESE Advisory Council Meeting Minutes**  
**October 5, 2021**



Note – for all motions below, the member who made the motion and the member who seconded the motion are indicated in parentheses following the motion.

Meeting called to order at 9:33

**Members in attendance** Sue Davis-Killian, Carla Donaldson, Rachel Frishberg, Veronica Pappas, Susan Rodriguez, Kimberly Spire-Oh, Randee Garbriel, MaryEllen Quinn-Lunny, Sharon Tarlow, Danielle Ouellette, Hazel McFarlane, Karen McFarlane, Cheryl Shenker, Janice Coe, Amy Mazzocco, and Joan Clark, along with Kevin McCormick and Laura Pincus.

Introductions were done. A quorum was established.

Motion to approve February 2021 minutes (Gabriel, Shenker) Unanimous approval

Motion to approve March 2021 minutes (Gabriel, Quinn-Lunny) Unanimous approval

Motion to approve September 2021 minutes with corrections (Clark, Tarlow) Unanimous approval

**21/22 SY meeting location (in person/virtual)**

Members expressed a variety of opinions. If we hold a hybrid in-person/remote meeting, we will need a room that has microphones for each attendee. The committee decided to remain virtual for the time being.

**Purpose of the ESE Advisory Council**

The purpose of the Council was reviewed. The purpose is to advise the ESE Director and Superintendent about ESE issues. The Chair asked for input from members for issues to be discussed. Suggestions:

- Master Board Scheduling
- Interventions available for each type of disability
- How MSD law affects students with disabilities
- Baker Act
- Under-representation of minorities in autism
- Feeder patterns – continuum of services being available in Feeder patterns
- Teacher training – especially for students with multiple disabilities.
- Stigma associated with being a student with SLD. Students are not always receptive to receiving support.
- Lack of progress in inclusion of student with significant disabilities.
- Catching up SWD from regression during the pandemic

- Behavioral training for all teachers and school police

### **Membership**

We need new blood. Since we are virtual, we might have an opportunity to recruit new people easier.

### **Public access to the Council info.**

Kevin will look into the ESE Advisory being advertised on the district ESE page.

### **Presentation: HB 173 Changes to the Development and implementation of an IEP for transition Services (Kerry Rawn)**

- The year for transition planning and services has been lowered two years to age 12 for planning and age 14 for services.
- Provision of Information Document is to be given annually. It has links to many agencies and information.
- Deferment of the diploma is discussed at age 14 or when entering High School.

### **Topic: Individual Education Plan - Form 0659** - Janice Coe

- The new IEP was piloted in January 2020 and rolled out to all schools in August 2020.
- The previous IEP was not a system – it was a form. The new IEP can be worked on by many people simultaneously.
- Compliance is assured by requiring answers to certain questions.

### **Sub-Committee: Paraprofessional allocation update** – Sue Davis-Killian

- The Paraprofessional allocation subcommittee submitted a recommendation that the district adopt a formal procedure on how to allocate paras, including how to create fading plans.
- Kevin said that they have started a process based on the student profile that looks at all the adult support already available in the environment.
- The subcommittee will meet again to discuss.

### **Academic Advisory Committee report** – Randee Gabriel

Nothing to report.

### **District Diversity and Equity Committee** – Kimberly Spire-Oh

- Trying to address the problem with the change in concordant scores.
- DDEC is asking to be involved in all policy decisions, as diversity affects every area. It is more efficient to have the necessary input before something is

### **Boundary Committee (ABC)** – Carla Donaldson

Have not met in 2.5 years. They meet only when boundary changes are being considered.

### **Regional Team Lead Reports** – no Team leads available to report

- South – Kelley Fisher
- Central – Theresa Padro-Morel

- North – Shaquira Young
- West – Amy Brown

**Director's Report**– Kevin McCormick

- October is Disability Awareness Month.
- Had a meeting with staff last month to discuss changes to Access Points laws
- The state has decided to not remove Access Points for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade.
- This year the schools all have to do the “Best Practices in Inclusive Education” (BPIE) Parents are encouraged to participate.
- We have very high teacher / para / bus driver vacancy rates.
- Shelly Moore – inspiring video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PQgXBhPh5Zo>

**Member Comments**

The Gold Coast Down syndrome organization's Downright ExtraOrdinary Caravan is Sunday. Link is <https://www.ds-stride.org/downrightextraordinary>

**Guest Comments**

None

Motion to adjourn (Clark, Coe) Unanimous approval. Meeting adjourned at 11:35.