



School District of Palm Beach County, Florida
ESE Advisory Council Meeting Minutes
December 7, 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 9:34

Introductions were done. A quorum was established.

Motion to approve November 2021 minutes (Eisenberg, Quinn-Lunny) Unanimous approval

Director's Report – Kevin McCormick

- We are anticipating a state visit in February.
- We have asked for more specific guidance from FDOE to implement new legislation.
- We will start planning for the next school year when we return from the winter break.
- Oct vacancies: 50 ASD teachers, 19 EBD teachers, 171 VE teachers, 14 BIAs, & 408 paras
- In December, the number of paras vacancies was down to 303
- There was a long discussion about the causes of teacher shortages (mostly money) and how schools are meeting students' needs with these vacancies.

Feeder Patterns for Reading Interventions

A package was emailed to the committee showing all the Language Arts interventions.

Questions for a future presenter:

- How does each school decide which interventions are used? Who makes the decision?
- Are feeder patterns taken into account?
- How can parents find out which schools are using each intervention?
- Why have no writing programs been added for secondary?
- We are using Wilson as a spelling only intervention, not written expression.
- What program (not strategies) addresses written expression, handwriting, grammar, spelling, and conventions.
- In the past, we had a great program called Strategic Intervention Model (SIM). Why is it not listed in interventions?
- Is it true that some schools don't have a specific program because they don't have staff and trainers?
- Perhaps we should limit the number of programs so that it is more likely that a student can use the same program throughout
- There are no Reading Interventions listed for InD students. ESE dept has bought some programs for InD.

- For students on Access Points, the reading instruction is not called Reading Intervention. It is called Foundational Skills instruction. They are asking secondary schools to find time to address Reading.
- Are there decision charts for deciding which interventions are used for a specific student? Kevin will send this to the ESE Advisory. He also mentioned that if a student needs a specific program based on their disability, we can provide it.
- Can the district provide a copy of the PBCSD FY22 reading, math, and writing decision trees used to determine whether a child should receive tier 2 or tier 3 interventions.
- Since no students will be placed on Access points when they start Kindergarten in FY22, will the PBCSD FY23 reading, math and writing decision trees be modified to reflect the new law and if yes how will they change?

Academic Advisory Committee report – Randee Gabriel

They looked at Advanced classes vs Student Enrollment

District Diversity and Equity Committee – Kimberly Spire-Oh

The DDEC covered the topic of transgender females being blocked from women's sports because of a new law.

Boundary Committee – Carla Donaldson

No meeting yet this year. There has not been action needed yet. The first meeting is this week.

Bylaw Subcommittee

Is meeting this afternoon

Regional Team Lead Reports

- North – Shaquira Young – She spoke for all team leaders. They are helping schools with BPIE and working on McKay placements for January.

Member Comments

None

Guest Comments

- At the last meeting, it was said that the person who gives a student the FSAA has to be familiar with the student. What happens if a student does not like working well with a particular teacher?
- A student went half the year with no para of his own. He had subs and various people, so he did not make much progress.
- When a student with a disability goes to a school that is not their home school, they are then not guaranteed that they can go to middle school with their peers. Some schools are blocked

from taking the McKay Scholarship. Answer: The McKay Scholarship is changing to the Family Empowerment Scholarship. We are requesting more information from the state.

Motion to adjourn (Shenker, Quinn-Linny) Unanimous approval. Meeting adjourned at 11:27.

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