

**ESE Advisory  
Pinellas County Schools  
May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011  
6:15-8:00 p.m.  
Room B213**

**Welcome/Call to Order**

- Shandy Gregg and Katherine Diaz called the meeting to order and welcomed participants
- Participants introduced themselves

**Committee attendance**

Cindy Bania-Carter, District  
Tracie Bergman, District  
Michele Burt, District  
Kari Buxton, Parent  
Caroline Conlon, Parent  
Katherine Diaz, Parent  
Dan Eadens, District  
Colleen Eckley, Parent

Genieve Freeman, Parent  
Bozena Gasior, Parent  
Shandy Gregg, Parent  
Terri Hanley, District  
Cathy Heverly, District  
Paula Keyser, Parent  
John King, Parent  
Teresa Ludwig, District

Filomena McDonald, District  
Lynne Mowatt, District  
Mary Kale, District  
Janine Smith, District  
Charles Vanover, Community  
Mary Beth Varner, District  
Valene Winters, District

**Visitor Attendance**

David Higgins, Abilities of Florida  
Kelli Drayton, Parent  
Pam Harshbarger, District  
Stephanie Mille, District  
Tracy McMannus-Evans, District

**Review/Approval of Minutes from November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2010 meeting**

- Minutes were reviewed and approved

**ESE Updates**

- Idea Grant
  - Pam Harshbarger introduced herself and Stephanie Miller who will be stepping into her positing next year, so this year they have worked together on this grant.
  - A handout 'IDEA Part B Entitlement Project' was shared and Pam gave an overview explaining the handout. The front page showed the dollar amounts for the Pre-K portion. The next three pages list the details of the IDEA Part B Entitlement Project.
  - Pam explained that our district has been identified as having a disproportionate amount of African American students who are struggling in our district who have perhaps not yet been identified as ESE. We are required to allocate 15% of the total amount towards Early Intervening Services).
  - Pam explained each item of the budget in more detail.
  - Cindy Bania asked to explain about the \$2,000,000.00 roll forward from last year. This amount was planned and part of the ARRA Funds so that a deficit would not be seen this year. This amount will not be there in future budgets.
  - There was discussion and explanation about the staff funded to provide required services to Parentally Placed Private School Students with Disabilities (PPPSSD).
- **2011-2012 Unit Allocations**
  - Cindy Bania passed around a handout for unit allocations and explained the numbers.
  - In this proposal, eight ASD units are being added for next year. There are some reductions being done around the district as overall enrollment has declined.
- **Pupil Progression Plan**
  - Cindy Bania reported on the group that meets to plan so that student's progress and the classes are available that they need. There is a lot of work also being done in extended transition utilizing community partners. A new program will be starting up at SPC in Tarpon Springs next year.
  - Information is being shared through the transition teams to all of the high schools. There is a group of students who will be able to go to Innisbrook and work there. Project Search (Judy Owens) will also have a site at Home Shopping Network and City of St. Pete.
  - There are 30 agencies involved.
  - In the summer, a bridges program will be offered for students.
- **Compliance**
  - State Monitoring
    - Lynne Mowatt passed around a handout entitled 'Compliance Update'.

- Lynne reported on the Fall Monitoring that took place regarding Transition, IEP, Matrix and DJJ (Department of Juvenile Justice) Programs.
- Regarding IEP's, if an error is found, we have to go back and have an IEP meeting and fix those errors.
- Lynne also reported on the Spring Monitoring for Pinellas. The areas that were looked at were for dropout rates and students graduating with a standard diploma.
- Graduation was looked at in the following schools: Hamilton Disston, Pinellas Secondary and Mavericks in Education Charter.
- Dropout Rates were looked at in the following schools: Sandy Lane Elementary, Bay Point MS and Largo HS.
- Out of the data, only 6% of compliance issues were identified. The State requires 100%, so those schools are now getting help from the State. There is a possibility that there will be a corrective action plan put in place. This is not a bad thing, just a way to make things better.
- The State target for students graduating with a Regular Diploma - Indicator 1 (SPP1) 49% was the State target, Pinellas had 46%.
- Indicator 2 (SPP2) that targets dropout rates, the State target was 3.5% and Pinellas had 6.1%.
- Indicator 13 targets youth aged 16 and above with an IEP. The State has not given a target percentage for this yet.
- The Pupil Progression Plan is also something being looked at with these indicators.
- They are also working with Project 10 to work with schools and get training if there is any needed.
- PEER Updates
  - Lynne Mowatt reported on the PEER program. Right now there are 19 districts using PEER. There have been several districts who have visited to Pinellas to see how we are using this system. The great part is when a student transfers from another district, we can get the IEP right away and put services in place.
  - Parents can request that an electronic copy be sent to them instead of being given a hard copy.
  - A question was asked about if the PEER program will ever be available online for parents to 'view only', Lynne said she would ask about this.

#### **2011-2012 Meeting Dates**

- Katherine proposed that we set five dates on the calendar for next year. We are required to have four meetings.
  - Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2011 - Cafeteria
  - Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011 - ABC203
  - Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2012 – B213
  - Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2012 – ABC203
  - Wednesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2012 – B213
- All meetings will be at 6:15-8:00pm at the Largo Administration Building.

**Meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm**

**Minutes submitted by: Paula Keyser 5/26/11**