



Sharing the Commitment (STC)

Exceptional Student Education (ESE) Advisory Meeting Minutes

September 15, 2018

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Administration Center
Room 1-103 from 4:00 – 5:30 PM

I. Call to order/Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 PM.

Members in attendance: Richard Duggan, Wilbur Hawke, Jessica Braun, Donna Charbonneau, Roseanne Hogle

Guests in attendance: Dr. Heather McElroy, Lisa O'Leary, Halley Kretschmer, Ricardo Aponte, Kristian Thomas, Lisa Perez

Approval of Agenda

An Agreement was reached to approve tonight's agenda as presented.

II. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

An agreement was reached to approve the meeting minutes from the prior meeting.

III. Old business

- a) **Project Search High School Transition Program Update**– Project SEARCH is an internship program (at NCH Healthcare) for adults age 18-22 who are in their last year of special education eligibility. Currently six students in the program with a teacher and two assistants. Students are in a variety of internships in their first rotation and the program is being embraced NCH.

IV. New business –

- a) **LEA Profile Review** – Rick Duggan reviewed key elements of the most recent LEA profile for CPPS. Particularly focusing on maintenance of percentage of students in inclusion and increased graduation rate.
- b) **SB 7026 Updates** – Rick Duggan gave review of SB 7026, specifically as it relates to questions about mental health treatment during new enrollments. Additionally, weapons and threats involving students with disabilities and their protections under IDEA and the purpose of a manifestation determination were discussed. Roseanne



Hogle discussed the need for the district to address the number of students Baker Acted, that staff must be trained on positive behavioral interventions when working with students with more significant disabilities and law enforcement should not use handcuffs when called to intervene with students in special programs.

- c) **School Support Updates** – Rick Duggan and Dena Landry discussed increased in mental health supports for student in CCPS including adding seven school psychologists and five social workers that worker in specific feeder patterns mental health
- d) **CCPS Five Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Priorities** – Dena Landry reviewed the five SEL priorities for CCPS including 30-60-90 check in, Handle with Care, Panorama, Buddy-Benches and We Dine Together. Additionally efforts to train school-based team in Youth Mental Health Aide were also discussed.
- e) **STARability Presentation** – Karen Govern from STARability reviewed their current program including:
 - STARability name change and branding related to more person first language.
 - Programs are primarily for students that have completed their Free and Appropriate Education.
 - Programs are private pay with many opportunities for scholarships or nominal fee.
 - Families join for \$65.00 (yearly) and have a variety of social events and bowling league.
 - Activities include -weekly cooking class, art program weekly, and partnership with Naples Art Association, Yoga and Tai-chi, Naples Players improve class.
 - Trailblazer academy – Started with ten adults, currently waiting list of 30 people and expanding to 30 people full time in January 2019.
 - Twenty-one vocational sites (businesses and non-profits) 1 – 2 hours a day and includes Life skills training, virtual interview available, health and fitness (once per week).
 - After school program - Junior Trailblazer at River Park – working to expand this program (14 and older) two hours and closes at 5:30.
 - STARability is moving to a larger location with more opportunities and new programs.
 - Three-K event schedule for all ability levels.



V. Open

Wilbur Hawke shared that he has started his own LLC – Southwest Florida Parent Center and continuing to assist parents in SWFL in dispute resolution, advocacy and parent training.

Donna Charbonneau (HUGGS) – discussed collaboration with pre-kindergarten assessment and screening and assisting parents to access resources.

Jesse Braun – Discussed possible topics that could be presented at sharing the Commitment parent event including the concept of self-care and chronic stress impact on parents who have students with significant disabilities. Group discussed the lack of support groups in the area and how it relates to self-care.

Theresa Bowen – Reviewed resources on and information about Best Practices in Inclusive Education available through the Florida Inclusion Network and information on an upcoming webinar on Dyslexia

Halley Kretschmer – Reviewed current offerings for SWD's through the Naples Botanical Gardens including Sensory Friendly Saturday – first Saturday of each month through June 2019 (virtual flyer available)

Adjournment

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Sharing the Commitment Advisory Meetings: January 22, March 26, and May 28 from 4-5:30 PM at the Administration Center