

ESE Community Task Force Meeting

January 26, 2015

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The Exceptional Student Education (ESE) Task Force Planning Committee met on January 26, 2015, from 10 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Arthur Ashe Jr. Campus located at 1701 NW 23 Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL. 33311.

Stacey Hoaglund, Task Force Chair, provided the welcome, expectations, and reviewed the agenda.

Agenda Item: Matriculation

Janice Koblick, Curriculum Supervisor, presented and answered questions posed by Task Force members relating to matriculation, the development of a matriculation, and an implementation timeline.

Task Force members discussed recommending that Broward County Public Schools adopt a formal matriculation plan to be followed by all schools. Next month, the Task Force will have more information presented on what comparably sized school districts in and outside of Florida that has been to be effective.

Agenda Item: IEPs

Task Force members shared that the identification of specific related services are needed as students move from a particular type of elementary school special program to middle school.

Gary Grigull, Curriculum Supervisors, clarified that services are based on what is documented in each student's IEP and answered questions posted by Task Force members.

Task Force members shared that schools should work to capture the individual needs students with disabilities on their IEPs.

Agenda Item: Inclusion/Support Facilitation

Andrea Ciotti, Curriculum Supervisor, presented and answered questions about Support Facilitators and trainings offered put forward by Task Force members.

Task Force member Alexai Perez, shared transition information about the Stand Up (for Me) curriculum and modules used by Georgia Department of Education via iamdetermined.org.

This item was further discussed under the caseloads agenda item.

Agenda Item: Behavior (Staff/Positions)

Allocation of Transition Specialists and Job Coaches; Redistribution of Personnel was discussed by Task Force members.

Andrea Ciotti informed Task Force members about this year's Transition pilot with five schools and shared that the Transition Supervisor, Lou Ruccolo, would be able to share more information on this topic.

Agenda Item: Caseloads

Task Force discussed recommending the use of IDEA dollars to support all middle schools to provide support facilitation; provide at least one support facilitator for every 30/40/50 students; or whatever is acceptable.

ESE Eligibility (Suspensions/Referrals)

This item will be discussed at the next ESE Community Task Force meeting scheduled for February 23, 2015.

The Task Force reviewed additional agenda items for the next meeting date, which is February 23, 2015, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Arthur Ashe Jr. Campus located at 1701 NW 23 Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL. 33311.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.