



School Board Briefing Meeting
 Dr. Jane Kuckel, Meeting Chairman
 Tuesday, June 17, 2008
 *2:30 – 5:00 p.m.

(*To begin immediately following Student Hearings and Special Board Meeting)
 A G E N D A

	Division	Presenter	Time
A.	Board Members 1. Special Areas of Board Involvement/Reports	Board Members	15
B.	Academic Services 1. FCAT Scores Ⓞ 2. UPDATE/ESE Committees	Dr. Jones Dr. Jones/ Dr. Brunick	10 10
C.	Administrative/Support Services		
D.	Business Services ✓ 1. FY09 Budget/Preliminary Budget Review	Dr. Browder/ Mr. Legutko/ Mrs. Desamours	30
E.	Human Resources		
F.	Executive Services 1. Discussion/Annual Report	Dr. Browder	10
G.	Public Comment		TBD
H.	Board Attorney/Superintendent's Comments		10

Ⓞ Backup material available

✓ Backup material will be available on Monday (6/16)

Parent Involvement Summary
Exceptional Student Education
2007-08

One of the priorities of the Exceptional Student Education Department is to increase opportunities for parents to be involved in the education of their children. Three groups met regularly to address concerns, issues and to provide specific information and training to parents.

The following is a brief summary of the three groups and the accomplishments of each:

I. Exceptional Student Education Advocacy Group

This group met four times during the year with the purpose of addressing the needs of parents relative to training and information. Four committees were established to ensure that a focus was maintained throughout the year. The committees included:

- Family Training Opportunities
- Parents as Mentors
- Helping New Families
- Planning Future meetings

Each committee met to develop goals and directions for the future.

Multiple informational/training sessions were organized and presented based on the requests of parents who attended. Topics included the following:

- Transportation Issues
- Extended School Year
- Program Compliance/Legal Issues
- Hospital Homebound Programs and Procedures
- Supplemental Academic Instruction (Title I)
- Gifted Issues
- Budget Preparations and IDEA Funding
- McKay Scholarships
- Related Services, i.e. OT, PT

This group will continue to meet quarterly during the 08-09 school year. All parents are invited to attend through the Parent Link System each quarter.

II. Autism Task Force

The Autism Task Force was initiated by the School Board and is composed of parents, educators, physicians, psychiatrists, neurologists, and county agency personnel who are involved in the diagnosis of and provision of services to students who may fall within the Autism Spectrum Disorder. The group met monthly beginning in February to determine goals and directions for this ongoing committee. The committee has established as one priority the need to provide information to the public in a systematic and consistent manner regarding the nature and needs of these students.

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The next meeting, scheduled for late July 08, will review several documents that we hope will become available to caregivers in the community to ensure that parents, grandparents, etc. have information regarding Autism Spectrum Disorder and how and where to access assistance.

Plans for ways to provide assistance through grant funds, etc. are under discussion and consideration. This group plans to continue to meet monthly to address the many issues and needs within the community.

III. Superintendent's Exceptional Student Education Advisory Committee

The Superintendent's Exceptional Student Education Advisory Committee - a representative group of parents/educators of exceptional children - was initiated in February 2008 and met monthly. The Committee is comprised of parents who represent a variety of exceptional children including Autism Spectrum Disorder, Gifted, Mildly Disabled, and Profoundly Disabled. Also, this group represents children from PreK through high school.

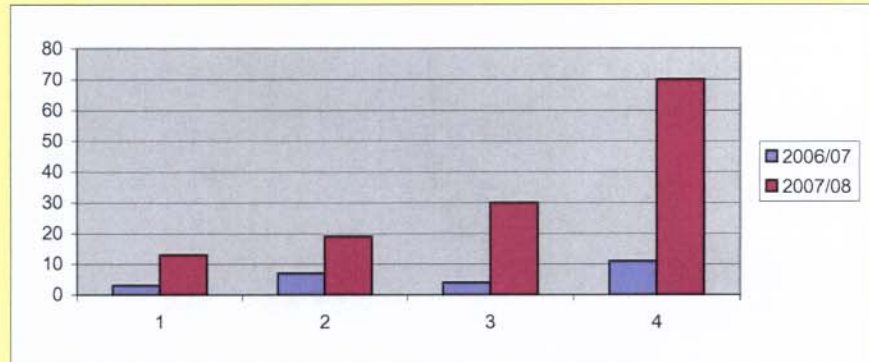
Committees were established to address a variety of needs including communication, transition and consistency across programs. The issues being addressed are those common to a variety of parents with the goal of improving services to children across the district. This group will continue to meet monthly and serves to assist the ESE Parent Advocacy Group in planning for agenda items and areas of focus.

JWB/CB/mic
June 12, 2008

ESE PARENT INVOLVEMENT / TRAININGS

Increase Number of Parent Training Sessions

Quarter	2006/07	2007/08
1	3	13
2	7	19
3	4	30
4	11	70



Parent Involvement Opportunities

Quarter	2006/07	2007/08
1	4	6
2	1	6
3	1	6
4	1	51

