

Exceptional Student Education
Advisory Committee
Thursday, February 24th, 2022
Meeting Minutes

Welcome to the group

Introduced Community Members

Christine Maughan – CARD

Serves Lee, Hendry, Collier and Charlotte Counties

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April 9th – 15th Anniversary of Promising Pathways. Temple Grandin returns to FGCU!!!

8-9:00 Registration

9-10:45 Temple

11- noon Roundtable discussion on Transition

Childcare is available

Flyer to follow

Kristin Wilhelm

Golisano Autism Navigator

Kristin Wilhelm@leehealth.org

New to FDLRS

Heather Yukob

Parent Services Specialist

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Dr. Deidre Phillips – Coordinator FDLRS (Florida Diagnostic and Learning Resource Systems)



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Fridays with FDLRS
Parent Webinars 21-

FDOE Parent Survey 21-22: <https://www.esesurvey.com/Login.php>

Susan Ellinger, Assistant Director shared updates regarding Project Search. Collaborative internship project. Interns have a 90% hire rate in a variety of jobs in the community.

Stacie Wiesenbaugh shared a video regarding Project Search

<https://news.wgcu.org/show/gulf-coast-life/2022-01-24/project-search-helps-students-with-intellectual-and-developmental-disabilities-transition-from-school-to-work>

Family Initiative , community partner, has several upcoming events in support of Autism Awareness month in April

Thank you, Rhonda Rainer, for the links:

Rock Autism March 5th

Autism Acceptance Awards April 30th

Nominations are open: <https://www.fi-florida.org/autism-acceptance-awards/>

Many events during April

Family Initiative website: <https://www.fi-florida.org/>

Words from Theresa Bowen ESE Director

Reviewed the Florida ESE Parent Survey results

<https://www.fldoe.org/academics/exceptional-student-edu/parent-info/exceptional-student-edu-parent-survey.stml>

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Feedback

- Provide hard copies of training opportunities in multiple languages
- Don't assume everyone is on social media
- Peachjar isn't always effective – push delete when inundated with emails
- Look to my child's teacher to share information with me
- We need to continue to look into what is the best way to share information with families
- Discussion about the sub-committee Families helping families will assist
- Recommend having a one-page information on specific disabilities like dyslexia, etc.

- Recommend providing families a one page on Welcome to your school. List Staffing Specialist, Department Head, Case manager, Teachers names
- Kristin Wilhelm shared at Golisano they share “packets” to families who receive a new diagnosis – packets include therapy providers, support groups, safety awareness, etc.

Board Presentation – Theresa Bowen shared the 3-year comparison of students with disabilities taken from the October FTE period.

- American Rescue Plan – IDEA update
 - Will be targeting the social emotional piece to assist with behavior. Social opportunities (CBI Community based instruction)
 - Increase behavior analyst
 - Pre-k assessment team – they have a complete backlog also pandemic related
 - Purchase materials for teachers

Brief discussion regarding supported employment opportunities. Barb Williams is amazing. Some local Publix will welcome our students; however, the corporate office has said no. WAWA no longer wants to work together with our unpaid supported employment. Many of our schools have done a good job creating employment opportunities on campus. Utilizing smaller businesses becomes a staffing issue, however, they have been very welcoming. Busing is also a challenge this year.

Mtg adjourned at 7:30 p.m.