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Montessori Elementary School**

**School Advisory Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 2, 2022
6:00 P.M. – Virtual Meeting through Teams Link**

- I. Call to Order—meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm. Since the meeting is being held virtually, there will be no voting and purely informational.
- II. SAF Report—Ms. Michael attended the ESE Meeting and her notes are attached below. Key points from the meeting were presentations from a current 12th grade student and his struggle to get wheelchair accommodations, the district report from director Ms. Hollingsworth, and also from the ADA Compliance director, Mr. Alvarez. An important update was given on the upcoming changes to the McKay Scholarship that go into effect on July 1. Please read Ms. Micheal’s notes that are attached.
- III. School Improvement Plan: Mid-Year Reflection. Ms. Felton went over the most recent student data in both ELA and Math in her report.
- IV. SAC Accountability Funds (Current Balance: \$12,351.13) Balance remains the same.
- V. Assistant Principal Report—SESIR Update—Ms. Campolo was happy to report that our SESIR numbers have not changed and remain at 3. Our Extended Day Camp for identified students that ran from October through December was successful. Utilizing Progress Monitoring data, 78% of those students met 50% or more of their typical average growth in Math according to iReady. For those in the ELA camp, 75% met 50% or more of their typical average growth.
- VI. Principal’s Report—Ms. Felton reviewed our student data as of the most recent iReady Diagnostic Checkpoint. Teachers and staff have compared the data and reflected on how we are progressing. As of the latest iReady Checkpoint, 67% of our Lowest Quarter students are projected to be proficient in Math. In ELA, 75% of our 3rd-5th graders are projected to be proficient. Plans are being put in place for our academic camps to begin later in February as well as additional groups to work with our ESSER teachers and support staff.
- VII. New Business—the floor was open to discussion for all parents. Some of the topics discussed were as follows: upcoming celebration/dance party to celebrate student achievement, enrichment clubs have started and Ms. Felton is hoping to have a Book Club selection and will see if she can work that into the schedule.
- VIII. Adjourn—meeting was adjourned at 6:47 pm.

ESE Advisory Meeting Summary

October-January 19, 2022

1. Meeting was chaired by Jacqui Luscombe, Chair - Broward ESE Advisory Council
2. District report from Saemone Hollingsworth, Executive Director, Exceptional Student Learning Support division, Broward County Public Schools (BCPS). Other BCPS attendee was Wladimir Alvarez, Director of ADA (Americans w/Disabilities Act) Compliance, BCPS
 - a. Broward best practices re: inclusive education. Two hundred and fifty schools participated. District best practices re: inclusive education also underway
 - b. District ESLS **Just Do It Awards** to honor exceptional students (1/31)
 - c. ESLS Emotional & Behavioral Disabilities Sub-Committee meeting (2/2). Discussion today focused on :
 - i. SEDNET services and applications for students with ADHD/EBD and
 - ii. Athletic programs available through YMCA for Broward County students
 - d. Autism Committee of ESE Advisory Council meeting on 2/3
 - e. Friday with FDLRS statewide parent webinar series
 - i. Next is a *two-part series* entitled "A Parent's Introduction to Individual Education Plans", scheduled on **February 3 and February 4, 2022 from 12:00-12:45pm each day**. To register for this webinar and other parent webinars in this series, go to <https://www.fdlrs.org/free-parent-webinars-fridays-fdlrs>
3. Guest speaker: "Being Heard" by **Samuel Vogel, a 12th grader at Pompano Beach High School** who will share his story of perseverance relating to his need for wheelchair accommodations at his school.
4. Tara Rodger, Electronic System Management Lead, BCPS
 - a. Provided an update on changes to the McKay Scholarship program for students with disabilities. Now known as Florida Empowerment Scholarship for students with Unique Abilities, effective July 1, 2022
 - i. Current McKay families will have the opportunity to remain in their current public or private school choice setting or to utilize the additional options available under the FES UA education savings
 - ii. Website detailing this transition - <https://www.fldoe.org/schools/school-choice/k-12-scholarship-programs/mckay/fes-faqs.stml>
5. Next meeting will be at Indian Ridge Middle School on February 16th
6. Facebook group for anyone interested is <http://www.facebook.com/groups/browardeseadvisory>