



March 11, 2024

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Plantation High School

Board Members	
Chair	Karla Figueroa
Board Members	Alan Bushkin, Diego Britto, Erin Kirkland, Jessica Benner
Parliamentarian	Cynthia Dominique

7:05 Meeting called to order by Chair (Karla Figueroa)

7:14 Approval of minutes from prior meeting.

7:15 policy and bylaws finalized and currently being reviewed by the board.

Title 1 Funding extended to the schools. Parents also asked why other parents aren't taking kids to the Gifted Academy.

Also discussed is the restructure of schools, Parents are concerned about gifted Academy locations.

7:20 The technology update was skipped as we didn't have representation to attend. A parent also asked if Palm Beach County has their own gifted schools.

It was also asked why gifted academies aren't being built alongside magnet schools.

Concerns over funding and overcrowded schools. At the "good" schools, what are the best practices at those schools and how can we bring those to our existing gifted academies?

7:35 New business and the presentation of several benefits that can help gifted students. (Zuzel Rodriguez)

The following were discussed, Dual enrollment, exceptional students, gifted students and students that have disabilities. Also discussed are the resources available to dual exceptional children.

Zuzel also covered the differences between IEP and an EP.

An example of an IEP is for children with special needs and an EP would be for gifted children only.

A parent also asked if a child can be removed or reevaluated from the gifted program. Zuzel Explained that a gifted child will never be reevaluated, but the child can be removed from the program if it's deemed that the child no longer needs it.

It was also communicated that IPS are annual plans.

It was also communicated that gifted children all have objectives. And that 504 plans are just accommodations.



Parents asked about teacher training, and it was communicated that teachers that teach gifted children must also have professional development courses available.

Several links were also shared with the parents. SENG is the support network that provides information on the emotional needs of the gifted. Another link that was shared was for the Florida Gifted Network.

8:18 Reviewed the date and time for the meeting at Apollo Middle School on April 8th, closing statements by the Chair (Karla Figueroa).

8:20 Motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded. meeting adjourned.

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