



School of Education Spring 2026 Advisory Board Meeting

May 4, 2026

5:00 p.m.

Zoom

In attendance: A. Angstrom (FSW), A. Barfield (Glades School District), H. Cassidy (Hendry School District), K. DiLascio (FSW), A. Fleming (FSW), M. Freeman (Lee County School District), M. Grecsek (Cape Charter Schools), M. Hall (Lee County School District), B. Mundy (Hendry School District), S. Rivera (Lee County School District), J. Rollins (FSW), K. Ross (FSW), J. Salinas (Hendry County School District) M. Wier (FSWC-Charlotte).

- I. Welcome and Updates: Dr. April Fleming, Dean, School of Education and Charter Schools, welcomed all to the Spring 2026 Advisory Board Meeting.
- II. Program Updates:
 - a. Anne Angstrom, Associate Dean, reported:
 - i. New and Ongoing Initiatives
 - 1. Teacher Apprenticeship Program
 - a. Fall 2025: PCOG-awarded support funding through June 30, 2026
 - b. Partnership with Imagine Schools – began Fall 2025
 - c. Three apprentices and mentors at Imagine North Port
 - i. Apprentices have completed Year One
 - d. Two-year program includes 34 credits of online coursework with anticipated graduation of Spring 2027
 - e. Anticipated new cohort for Fall 2026 to include apprentices at Imagine Schools in North Port, North Manatee, Broward, Chancellor
 - f. Anticipated new partnership with RCMA Immokalee
 - 2. Service and Education in Spain: March 11-22, 2026
 - a. School-based field experience for 10 elementary education students in Madrid, Spain

- b. Service-learning project in Madrid
- c. Overnight excursion to Salamanca
- d. Day excursion to Segovia

b. Joyce Rollins reported on the Elementary Education Program:

i. Graduates:

1. Fall 2025:

- a. 17 graduates from Charlotte, Collier, Hendry, Glades, Lee and Sarasota

2. Spring 226:

- a. 42 graduates from Charlotte, Collier, Hendry, Glades, Lee and Sarasota

ii. Para-to-Teacher Program:

- 1. 100% asynchronous online coursework
- 2. Field experience embedded into the paraprofessional's work assignment (K-6 placement)
- 3. Virtual support provided
- 4. Full-time, complete in two years
- 5. AA or 60 credits including Gen Ed required to begin

iii. "Teach Talk" Events:

- 1. January 21, 2026 and March 31, 2026
- 2. Panelists included faculty, current students, award-winning alumni and alumni who are now administrators
- 3. Positive and passionate conversation
- 4. Good turn out

iv. KDE in the Community:

- 1. Preview FSW
- 2. Valentine's for Golisano's
- 3. Renaissance Faire
- 4. Easter baskets for Ronald McDonald House
- 5. Classroom cleanup
- 6. Pinning Ceremony reception

c. Kelly Roy reported on the Early Childhood Education Program:

i. Pathways Offered

- 1. AS, Early Childhood Education
- 2. CCC Child Development (36 credits)
- 3. CCC Inclusion (12 credits) will be omitting
- 4. CCC Preschool (12 credits)

ii. Faculty

- 1. 2 full-time faculty members
- 2. 1 adjunct faculty member

iii. Enrollment:

- 1. 68 ECE students

2. Average section size: 22.4
3. Spring 2026
 - a. 12 graduates with AS ECE degree
 - b. 4 graduates with CCC Childhood Development Specialization
 - c. 8 graduates with CCC Inclusion Specialization
 - d. 18 graduates with CCC Preschool Specialization

III. Discussion: Barbara Mundy commented that it is very much appreciated all FSW SoE is doing to bring more highly qualified teachers to the community.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

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