



Policy Council Meeting Minutes

Date: July 18, 2023

Attendance: Jessica Bloom, Tabytha Carr, Amy Wible, Christal Hayward, Adrienne Hess, Ashley Cali, Tiffany Ricotta, Denise Hunt, Chris Glace, Betsy Llewellyn, Gabrielle Decker, Heather Webber, Tasha Rockey

Absent: Rachael Parker, Misty Dickson, Rachel Bakaysa, Daniel Mencer

Notice of Quorum: A quorum was not present.

Meeting Called to Order: 11:59 PM

Community Meeting

Meeting Rules:

- Respect others' opinions and suggestions.
- Listen with an open mind.
- Allow participants the opportunity to speak and finish their thoughts.
- Begin/end meetings on time.
- Be attentive at the meeting (limit cell phone use, avoid "side-bar conversations", stay focused).

Seating of new members: None

Termination of Members: None

Approval of Minutes: Unable to approve meeting minutes.

Treasurers Report: Given by: Tabytha Carr, Parent Engagement Coordinator.

Budget Balance: Current balance \$0. A new budget will be given at the start of the new school year.

Unable to approve Treasurers Report.

Service Area Training: Coordinator Round Table Discussion

Chris Glace (Health) announced she is retiring at the end of the month and Adrienne Hess will be replacing her. She discussed that we are “back to normal” post Covid. We are no longer required to mask or take temperatures. CenClear has partnered with Geisinger Dental to offer free dental screenings. Four centers received these services at the end of last year. Geisinger goes into each class and provides an educational presentation then does a visual check of the child’s teeth and notifies the family of the findings and refers for follow up, if needed. They will be attending our Fall Fest to perform screenings. Adrienne discussed that they are diligently working on emergency management plans.

Amy Wible-discussed the growth and change the agency has experienced over the last year. Mark Wendel is the new CEO; Amy is now the Preschool Director. She explained that staff looked at our data and made necessary enrollment changes. We are no longer in the Fairmount building in State College and will be in Corl Street and Radio Park Elementary schools. Fox Township and South St. Mary’s lost space within the district building but CenClear purchased a building for these two classes to be housed out of. Amy stated our PRI (Program Review Instrument) received a perfect score. We also had our Federal Review in early fall and there were no findings and no recommendations.

Christal Hayward (Education & Disability)-Christal stated that classrooms have returned to “normalcy”. Classes are taking field trips, etc. She explained that we work closely with the IU10 and had no issues during the review. She explained the PBIS Advisor was able to get into classrooms more and provide support. She also discussed the curriculum committee.

Tiffany Ricotta (Early Intervention)-Tiffany stated we have 3 therapists that met fidelity in practice-based coaching. We have contracted for vision and hearing services. We have an Occupational Therapist who provides feeding services. We will continue to offer sensory friendly movies at the Rowland Theatre in Philipsburg.

Ashley Cali (Early Head Start)-Ashley stated they have implemented a new assessment, are offering Mental Health Consultation and Coaching. She stated they received AED’s for socialization rooms. She explained that the Dubois and Hyde centers work with Penn State Healthy Bodies and are looking at a new Fatherhood curriculum.

Denise Hunt (Compliance)-Denise explained that we now have 3 subs in place and are looking to hire 1 additional sub. She explained that she oversees compliance and ensures we follow the standards.

Tabytha Carr (Enrollment and Parent Engagement)-Tabytha explained that we struggled to reach full enrollment as we were coming out of the pandemic. This 23-24 school year we are back to “normal” and must meet full enrollment. We continue to work to fill vacant slots. This year we offered the Reading Challenge, Parent Engagement events that we well attended, 2,461 attended Delgrosso Days, and had an increase in families participating in Ready Rosie.

Center Reports:

No reports given.

Committee updates:

Health/Nutrition-no updates

Education/Special Services-no updates

Interview/Personnel-continuing to interview

Family/Community Partnership-no updates

Building/Center-no updates

PBIS Leadership Team-no updates

Recruitment/Enrollment-no updates

Budget Committee-no updates

Old Business

None

New Business:

None

Directors Report

Hires and Separations- All representatives received a copy.

HS and EHS Budget Report: All representatives received a copy of the HS, HSSAP and EHS budget.

Credit Card Expenses: A summary of the credit card expenditures was given to the council.

Statistics/Program Information: All representatives received a copy.

Unable to approve Director's report

Updates

PBIS/Sanctuary- Tier 2 and 3 recognition processes underway.

Cultural Equity Leadership-No updates

Data-No updates

Information Memorandums-No updates

Adjournment: 12:51PM

Next Meeting: October (TBD)

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