

Tuesday, February 13th, 2018 - 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Meeting Location: Options in Grants Pass

Child Care Location: Riverside center

Parents Present:

Agustina Lita, RVS	Alicia Waldon, RDW	Amanda Garcia, SV	Andrea Wakeland, FRC
Angela Alexander, IV	Brandon Gallego, EHS-WM	Casey Stine, WIL	Cassandrah Wilson, CP
Chea Pappas, IV	Courtney Friedt, RDW	Dayna Arnett, RR	Francine Bush, EHS-CJ
Gabriela Munoz, HILS	Jamie Knight, ABC	Jamie Sanchez, Comm. Rep	Jennifer Miller, MER
Josie Collom, EP	Meagan Belanger, WC	Mary Morales, Comm Rep	Maylene Cherry, ABC
Michelle Miller, WASH	Monique Rodgers, FRC	Nancy Murphy, EHS-GPHS	Nicole Parker, CP
Rashelle Roe, SM	Renee Sutton, EHS-CJ	Shannon Arrants, WC	Shayane Santos, FRC
Susie Schmidt, PXT	Valina Eichman, HILS		

Staff Present:

Blair Johnson, EHS Director	Christine Russo, PFCE Director	Karen Lujan Valerio, PFCE SAA	Katherine Clayton, HS Assistant Director
María Arroyo, Interpreter	Shandi Phelps, PFCE Supervisor	Vicki Kelly, ERSEA Supervisor	Yoana Martinez, Interpreter

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, AND GROUND RULES: Josie Collom, PC Secretary

- Quorum established YES.
- Josie announced elections for PC Vice Chair, alternate secretary and alternate treasurer would take place later on in the meeting

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: Christine Russo, no

WARM UP ACTIVITY: Christine Russo, Interim PFCE Director

- Tonight's warm up activity: Cards for our kids, an opportunity to appreciate our child. What's unique and special about our children, this will be stated specifically in our card. This is an example to model a physical act of acknowledgement to our children, for our children in effort to show consideration and validate their efforts and successes. We love our children!! That's why we are here.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Christine Russo moves to approve the minutes

Shannon Arrants, WC, moves to approve the minutes; Maegan Belanger, WC, seconds the motion. Motion carries. No abstentions

PC TRAINING /CENTER SHARING: Christine Russo

- Reminder for everyone to sign up if they want to share what's going on in their center

CONSENT AGENDA: Blair Johnson, EHS Director

- Grand expenditures, cc expenses, meals served to kids for the month of December
- Monthly report: ERSEA is looking great wait list is looking good as well
- Higher and higher percentages of parents engaged with the kids
- Health data is increasingly improving as well.

Maegan Belanger, WC, moved to accept the consent agenda; Jennifer Miller, MER, seconds it. Motion Carries. No abstentions

TREASURER'S REPORT: Maylene Cherry, Treasurer

- Grant fund in the beginning was 18,936.26
- Child care 714.00
- Meeting food
- Supplies
- Left us a balance of 16,548.72

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT: Nancy Nordyke, Executive Director

- Update on facilities renovation in Medford for White City duration classes: we submitted the request to carry over the funds about three weeks ago and are waiting for federal approval to continue work. Schematic designs are completed and the next step is the architectural designs.
- We are still waiting on approval for the LoveJoy building to replace the Family Resource Center. Hopefully by the time we meet next month we will own that building.

HEAD START/EARLY HEAD START DIRECTORS REPORT: Blair Johnson, EHS Director; Katherine Clayton, Head Start Assistant Director

- Self-Assessment? Final reports are completed including:
 - Program design and management
 - Education and child development services
- Community assessment data has been collected, 314 surveys were collected
All information will be presented next month before Policy Council
- Celebration of 50 years of Head Start! An event is in the planning stage. Any input will be helpful concerning ideas as to how that should look
- Check-points (assessment of children's growth in skills and development) are complete and the advocates will be sharing their successes with parents and incorporate new goals.

- Recruitment? What is the strongest way we get recruits?
- Parent to parent. Word of Mouth. We as parents are ambassadors and the best to promote our association.
- We have a very elaborate recruitment plan consisting of fliers,
- Every child who is age eligible from 0-5 or anyone who is pregnant is eligible
- Actually our scoring system is quite complex.
- If any income changes please contact our admissions center and report changes.
- We are not expected to report any raise in income. For this current year. Once a child is accepted they are automatically accepted for the years to come all the way to kindergarten because that's what we do! Kindergarten readiness.
- MIECHV Safe sleep project. Raising awareness for safe sleeping and efforts are being made to educate families with infants in order to curb the statistics of infant death while sleeping.
- There are some changes being made in the selection criteria for eligible families and children.
- Selection policy is enrolling children who most need our services.
- Concerning RETURNING CHILDREN: Children who remain enrolled in Head Start and are still age eligible and transitioning Early head start will be assured a position in HS until kindergarten eligibility This impacts about 6-12 children a year causing frustration. This alleviates anxiety associated with structure and consistency in the said child's first year in public school.
- Concerning PREGNANT MOTHERS: Their priority will move to top priority and stay there until selected
- Concerning END OF YEAR ENROLLEES: As opposed to a March first cutoff for remaining eligibility, when there are 60 days or less remaining in the current school year only children who will remain eligible for the following program year will be enrolled. A child who will be transitioning may be enrolled if there are no income eligible younger children on the waitlist
- Casey asks for a motion to approve the updates to the selection criteria

Chia Pappas, IV, moves to approve the updates to the selection criteria; Monique Rodgers, FRC, seconds the motion. Motion Carries. No abstentions.

- Blair Johnson announces the free parenting workshops with the family connection March 24th 9am to 1pm grants pass high school commons area, includes free breakfast and lunch and childcare

BREAK

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Facilities committee
 - Sand and bark put in at all centers
 - Powerline fixed at ABC
 - Play structure at white city is finished
 - Playhouses on order, fence will be fixed, blackberries trimmed for Rogue River and once safety issues are addressed tentatively spring break will be installed
 - No money will be invested in FRC center as they will be moving to the Love Joy building soon
- Board liaison Brandon
 - Proceed with purchase of grants pass building
 - approved updating of the investment policy
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NEW BUSINESS:

- Dollar per child: every dollar received will be given to the NHSA and helps enable many families and is welcomed greatly to promote our Association widely and strongly nationally
- 724.44 cents just from policy council alone
- Jaime Knight from ABC running for alternate treasurer
- Moving to vote in alt treasurer majority voted yes
- Nomination of Josie Collom declined politely
- Vice chair running is Valina from eagle point hillside voted
- Running for secretary alternate none be had at this time
- Megan Belanger will be presenting from the parent leadership conference 2018
- Put together a newsletter consisting of her take on five of her seven classes took while attending.
- Empathy, budgeting, toxic parenting, screen time good bad and too much, media agreements to implicate and also what our kindergarteners should know regarding technology terms by said time of kindergarten. A list of terms they should be fluent in to be successfully engaged as an active peer in their group.

ADJOURNMENT: Casey Stine

Maegan Belanger, WC, moves to adjourn meeting; Sharon Arrants, WC, seconds the motion. Motion carries.