

SOUTHERN OREGON CHILD AND FAMILY COUNCIL, INC.

POLICY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

January 20, 2022, 6:00pm to 8:00pm

Via Microsoft Teams

Board and Executive Team met in person at 1001 Beal Ln, Central Point, OR, 97502

PRESENT:

(PC) Anastasia Gray (PV) Brittney Christy (SM) Dayleen Hibben (WCY)
Jayme Hurd (CP) Melissa Clark (FTH) Noel Slocum (SM)
Sandra Beckham (EP) Sandra Gill (EHSABC) Sarah Nash (SM)
Teasha Patterson (Com Rep)

(Board) Angela Alexander (Com Rep) Jamie Knight (Board) Jeny Grupe (board)
Lisa Marston (board) Michael Cohen (board) Tammy Free (board liaison)

(STAFF) Christine Russo- PFCE Director Chalesa Duewall- Health Service Manager
Cecilia Hurt- Education Director Jean Lehmann- Executive Administrative Assistant
Katherine Clayton- Executive Director Laurie Hester- Safety Compliance Manager
Shanice Stringer- PFCE Manager Stephanie Finch- 0-5 Assistant Director
Yoana Martinez- PFCE Interpreter/SAA

Policy Council Leadership Team 2021-2022

Chair- Teasha Patterson

Vice Chair-Anastasia Gray

Secretary- Melissa Clark

Alternate Secretary- Vacant

Treasurer-Sarah Nash

Alternate Treasurer- Sandra Gill

Board Liaison -Tammy Free

Alternate Board Liaison-Noel Slocum

State Representatives- Angela Alexander and Melissa Clark

Alternate State Representative- Vacant

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, AND GROUND RULES:

Lisa Marston Board Vice-Chair called the meeting to order at (5:57pm). A Policy Council quorum (Was) Established after roll call.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: None

WARM-UP ACTIVITY

Katherine Clayton, Executive Director

Helped lead the activity. Board members were asked what Head Start Means to them and why they are involved in the program. Parents were also asked what Head Start means to them and their families. Everyone had the opportunity to share their experience with Head Start.

Cecilia Hurt, ED Director – Education Training:

Social emotional, Physical, Literacy, and Math growth is measured multiple times a year to see how the children are doing. This year is very similar to years past even with the pandemic, with the exception of the Social Emotional Domain. The Social Emotional Domain is slightly lower for the base line data.

February 28th, 2022 is the next Early Childhood Advisory Committee meeting.

Mask Classroom Education – Children 2 or older, unless they are eating, drinking, outside, or unable to wear a mask due to a condition or disability. Mask wearing activities to introduce the idea of wearing a mask during school. Health and hygiene are the main focus of course. No child will be disciplined for not wearing their mask or wearing it improperly, they will be taught the reasons for it and how to properly wear it. January 31st, 2022 is the goal day to have compliance with mask wearing.

Chalesa Duewall, Health Service Manager –

Immunization exclusion day is the 3rd Wednesday of February every year. **This year it will be February 16th.**
JCHS 322 students, 28 not up to date, 23 exempt, JCEHS 56, 10 not up to date, 1, JOHS 184, 11, 24, JOEHS 39, 4, 8 Total 601

Laurie Hester, Safety Compliance Manager –

The national head start program has adopted the Interim Final Rule (IFR) that was published in the Federal Register on 11/30/21. The IFR included an update to the Performance Standards in the area of safety. Currently Eighty-four percent of staff are vaccinated with 50 unvaccinated staff requiring weekly testing beginning 1/31/22. The past two weeks we've already closed 13 classrooms due to positive exposures. Exposed staff are required to quarantine for 5 days and students under 5 for 10 days. Weekly Covid testing will be conducted for those employees, who have been given an exception to vaccination. Most exceptions were due to sincerely held religious beliefs. Testing will be on Fridays at centers and the main office. SOCFC has purchased 540 test units to test employees weekly, in addition to testing if someone has symptoms or is exposed to a positive case.

Michael Cohen, Board Member moves to approve the “COVID-19 Vaccination, Masking, and Test Requirements Policy and Procedure”, Angela Alexander, State Representative seconds the motion to approve the policy. No one opposed, no abstentions, Motion was carried.

Katherine Clayton, Executive Director

– 30% or more of classroom makeup are children experiencing disabilities and behaviors.
State wide programs are experiencing at least 50% of their classrooms closed each day due to quarantine and child positive cases.

Break- PC Executive and Board joined their own separate meetings after break.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES-

Dayleen Hibben White City moves to approve the (December 2021) Policy Council Minutes. Sandra Gill EHS Alen Berlin, seconds the motion to move to approve the (December 2021) Policy Council Minutes. Any opposed (no), any abstentions (no), Motion (was) carried

CONSENT AGENDA

Stephanie Finch- 0-5 Assistant Director went over what the consent agenda

1. PC Minutes
2. Meal Count – Breakfast = 5778, Lunch = 5781, Snack = 3229, Total Meals = 14788 Adults = 4156
3. Financial Statements/Credit Card Statements – We are on track with our budget for our grants.

4. Enrollment Report- We are still very low in enrollment but that is in part due to staffing shortages. We have lots of children on a waiting list.

Sandra Gill, Early Head Start Alan Berlin moves to approve the Policy Council Consent Agenda. Sarah Nash, South Medford seconds the motion to move to approve the Policy Council Consent Agenda. Any opposed (no), any abstentions (no), Motion (was) carried

Treasurer Report- Sarah Nash, South Medford went over the treasurer's report

Old Business

Shanice Stringer, PFCE Manger went over scholarships

-Scholarships are coming soon: (there are 4 at \$2000 each) Head Start Parent, EHS Parent, HS/EHS Staff member, High school member. **Please look at the OHSA website for more information. When applications are open and a due date is established, it will be announced to all.**

Committees

- No committees presented

Announcements

Anastasia Gray- Vice Chair

- The in-person state meeting scheduled for February 2nd-4th in Salem has been canceled.

Three things to take back to the center

Anastasia Gray Vice Chair

1. Scholarship opportunities are coming soon!
2. Vaccine Exclusion date February 16th
3. Stress tips from the state meeting

Prize winners

Jayne Hurd, Dayleen Hibben, Melissa Clark

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Sarah Nash, South Medford made a motion to adjourn the Policy Council Meeting at 7:45pm; Dayleen Hibben White City seconded the motion to adjourn the Policy Council Meeting; (Any opposed, no any abstention, no; Motion was carried.