



**Early Childhood Family Services Advisory Council Minutes
November 16, 2021**

Minutes

Members present: Katie Bothun, Melissa Dunlay, Meredith Eilertson Azeem, Sam Gaylord, Katie Rudolph, Caitlin Sipe, Matthew Winter (Co-Chair)

ISD 196 Staff present: Jenna Ruble, Kristi Hanson and Dacia Liszka

Call to Order

Chairperson Matthew Winter called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. Introductions were made.

Approval of October 19, 2021 minutes

Chairperson Matthew Winter called for motion to approve the minutes from the October 19, 2021 meeting. Katie Bothun made a motion to approve the minutes, Caitlin Sipe seconded and full council approved.

ECFS Program Updates

ECFE: New classes are being offered winter quarter, which includes the return of Grandparents. November 30th, 2021 is the deadline to register. Out of district individuals can sign-up for classes 1-week prior to the start of class if there is availability. Group discussion around the number of adults that are allowed in a class, which is currently limited to 8. A member currently attends the in-person Dad class and shared they feel safe (lots of handwashing and masking) and would support increasing the limit to 10 adults in a class. A couple members currently attend a virtual class and shared they would like to see a limit increase in those classes and would like the virtual option to remain. A shout out was made to all teachers as they are doing a fantastic job! Kiddos are excited for the virtual class as they have been successful in engaging them. Jean Witte is currently working on a marketing piece for featured classes that will be posted on various social media sites.

Committee Updates

Square 1 Art – There was a delay in arrival of materials. Once the materials arrived, Kristi Hanson organized the distribution of Art and it was successfully delivered to all teachers. So far at total of \$1,600.00 has been raised with a fundraiser goal of \$3,300.00. Matthew Winter is working with Square 1 Art to extend the order deadline by a week to Friday, November 26, 2021.

Parent Teacher Conferences – Providing food for the teachers at the DVLC for Fall conferences on November 3, 2021 was a huge success. There was a fabulous response from the teachers as everyone appreciated the sandwiches, chips, clementines and water. Jenna Ruble sent a copy of the “Thank You” card from all the teachers to

the Advisory Council members. Next year depending on COVID the Council might consider hosting a potluck/family style meal like they have done in the past.

Liaison Updates

ECFS Foundation meeting – Heather Blair attended the October 14, 2021 meeting and was not present at tonight’s Council meeting to share an update. Jenna Ruble shared more details regarding the request for funding of a playground at one of the Elementary Schools. The ECFS Foundation is currently discussing the percentage of funds that would be appropriate due to there being 1-2 preschool classes within an Elementary School. The ECFS Foundation is creating a process to identify projects and priorities as a committee.

Superintendent Parent Leader meeting – The October meeting was cancelled.

Community Education Advisory Council meeting –The Council met last week and Khia Brown reviewed the budget for Community Education as a whole and it was approved by the Council. It will be brought to the Board this month for their approval. National Community Education Day was November 11, 2021 and the Council organized for various groups to handwrite “thank you” notes that included a piece of candy for District Administrators, Cabinet and School Board and Community Education Advisory Council members.

196 Legislative Advisory Council – Ashely Holien attended the Group 1 meeting and Jennifer Bordonaro attended the Group 2 meeting. Neither Ashley nor Jennifer were present at tonight’s Council meeting to share an update. The Advisory Council is looking for new members to join and attend these meetings as Ashely Holien has been doing this for 3 years.

Upcoming Events

Parent Night Out (PNO) –We will make a final decision whether this event will be in person at the next Council meeting on December 21, 2021. In the meantime, Jenna Ruble will reach out to Blackhawk Middle School to inquire on availability for the following dates Friday, April 8, 2022 and Thursday, April 21, 2022. There will be no vendors this year. Matthew Winter will reach out to Susie Allison as well as a few others regarding interest in speaking at the Parent Night Out. Bidding Owl will be used again for the Silent Auction, in which we will need at least a one week lead time prior to the PNO to set-up. Ashley Holien will lead this, however looking for a Council member to assist Ashley with the process. Matthew Winter will email the group a list of previous year’s donations so that we can decide if we are going to divide and conquer reaching out to business, etc. or if we will simply do ticket sales. This event will be advertised in the Spring catalog and final script is due by the end of January as the catalog is mailed out in February

Holiday Gathering – We will continue the 25+ year tradition of this event. This year’s Holiday Gathering will be held virtually during next month’s meeting on December 21, 2021. Everyone to purchase gift of \$10.00 or less and drop off the wrapped gift at the DVLC no later than December 17, 2021 attention to either Jenna, Kristi or Dacia. Matthew Winter will pick-up gifts and distribute to the Councils homes prior to the December 21 meeting, in which the gifts will be opened at the meeting. Matthew will create a trivia game and others are encouraged to bring any Zoom games they have.

December 15, 2021	196 Legislative Advisory Council	Zoom	6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
January 11, 2022	Community Ed Advisory Council	Zoom	6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
January 11, 2022	Superintendent Parent Leader meeting	Zoom	Group 1 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Group 2 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Other Business

Recruitment of new members is needed. Jenna Ruble and Dacia Liszka to email Matthew Winter a list of new applicants. Jenna Ruble and Dacia Liszka will update the application questions on our website in the near future. It was also asked when registering for a Community Education class who monitors the responses to the question asked around interest in participating in the Advisory Council, Kristi Hanson will look into this.

Adjournment

There being no further business Katie Rudolf made a motion to adjourn, Sam Gaylord seconded and full council approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Future Meeting Dates:

3rd Tuesday, every month - December 21, January 18, February 15, March 15, April 19, May 17

Respectfully submitted, Dacia Liszka