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**Early Childhood Family Services Advisory Council Minutes**  
**January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**Minutes**

**Members present:** Heather Blair (Co-Chair), Jennifer Bordonaro, Melissa Dunlay, Meredith Eilertson Azeem, Sam Gaylord, Katie Rudolph, Caitlin Sipe, Matthew Winter (Co-Chair)

**ISD 196 Staff present:** Jenna Ruble and Kristi Hanson

**Call to Order**

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

**Approval of December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021 minutes**

Chairperson Matthew Winter called for motion to approve the minutes from the December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021 meeting. Katie Rudolph made a motion to approve the minutes, Meredith Eilertson Azeem seconded and full council approved.

**ECFS Program Updates**

**ECFE** – Starting in the Spring Quarter there will be an ECFE class on Monday morning, afternoon and evenings at the new Silver Bell Learning Center.

**COVID-19** – District 196 is committed to keeping students in-person so long as it can be sustained. There is a contingency plan in place should changes need to be made. Substitutes continue to be difficult to find and we are being very creative with internal staff to keep students in-person. Additionally, COVID-19 notification emails to families will be replaced with a COVID-19 dashboard weekly update by building. The dashboard can be found by visiting <https://www.district196.org/about/covid-19-dashboard>

**Committee Updates**

**Parent Night Out** – In the January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Zoom meeting, it was decided that this event will be postponed until the Spring of 2023 due to COVID-19 and the limited capacity for the ECFS Advisory Council to make it happen. There will be a focus on the recruitment of new ECFS Advisory Council members, in addition to a Winter and Fall event.

**Liaison Updates**

**Community Education Advisory Council Regular meeting on January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022** – The council reviewed the 2020-21 audited budgets. The council shared that there is a lot of school age programming happening in the Fall. Community Educations 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary is this upcoming 2022-23 school year and there will be a celebration.

**Superintendent Parent Leader meeting on January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022** – Jennifer Bordonario was able to attend the 9:30 a.m. Zoom meeting. Jennifer shared superintendent, Mary Kreger grounded the group in why she has been focusing on maintaining in-person learning and the focus on stability and norms for our kids and went into Maslow's hierarchy of needs. If there is a shift to distance learning, it won't be over night but will be planned and communicated. Mary also communicated that the COVID-19 notifications will no longer be sent out to families and that all information can be found on the COVID-19 dashboard on the districts website - [district196.org](http://district196.org). In addition, there is funding for KN95 masks for staff, additional HEPA filters for buildings and 8 days of sick leave for staff. She shared that white paper and toilet paper are a challenge at the moment because of supply chain problems. Mary also shared that they are beginning to work on possible school boundary changes for the 2022-23 school year.

### **Upcoming Events**

**Winter Activity Kit Pick-up Event/"Snow Much Fun"** – This event will be held on February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022 from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. There were 150 people that picked-up the activity bag at last year's event. Matthew Winter will create a Google doc with a QR code for families to sign-up for this year's event and will update the group with the total expected participation. Matthew will also create a sign-up sheet for council members for both the assembly of kits on February 22nd, 2022 from 6:15-7:45 pm (childcare optional) and event day handout. Volunteers are needed to create and distribute the detailed flyer as well.

Melissa Dunlay created a Google doc for the council to add activity ideas, with a target goal of 6 activities. The council would like to save paper and will use a QR code for directions and for those who wanted printed directions will consolidate onto one page. Dacia Liszka will purchase the materials needed.

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| February 1, 2022  | Family School Book Drive                         | DVLC      | TBD                                                             |
| February 15, 2022 | Superintendent Parent Leader meeting             | Zoom      | Group 1 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.<br>Group 2 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. |
| February 16, 2022 | 196 Legislative Advisory Regular Council meeting | AVHS      | 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.                                           |
| February 22, 2022 | Winter Event Bag Assembly                        | DVLC      | 6:15-7:45 p.m. Childcare                                        |
| February 24, 2022 | ECFS Foundation meeting                          | TBD       | 6:15 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.                                           |
| February 26, 2022 | Winter Welcome Event                             | DVLC/SBLC | 9:00 -10:00 a.m.                                                |

### **Other Business**

**Advisory Council Recruitment** – Matthew Winter has reached out to the few people and had two responses, one individual that is interested the other individual was not available on Tuesday evenings. They encouraged the current council members to reach out to people they know and invite them to join! Ideas were shared on how to spread the word, i.e. if you have a good relationship with your Parent Ed in your ECCE class you can ask them to share in details with the group. The goal is to build our group, size and diversity for next year.

**Fall Open House community event** – We would like to invite families to come and learn about Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE). We're in the process of identifying what we might do that would be helpful to the community. Jenna Ruble and Kristi Hanson will give the ECFS Advisory Council some structure/ideas of what they would want and everyone on the council was asked to brainstorm what ideas the council had that would bring families in and get them excited about ECCE.

**Teacher Appreciation week May 3rd, 2022** – Jenna Ruble asked the council to begin thinking about ideas for this event.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business Heather Blair made a motion to adjourn, Sam Gaylord seconded and full council approved. The meeting ended at 8:15 p.m.

**Future Meeting Dates:**

3rd Tuesday, every month - February 15, March 15, April 19, May 17

Respectfully submitted, Dacia Liszka