



**Early Childhood Family Services Advisory Council Minutes
September 20, 2022**

Minutes

Members present: Laura Bjork, **Heather Blair**, Jennifer Bordonaro, Melissa Dunlay, Meredith Eilertson Azeem, Therine Liss, **Katie Rudolph**, and Ruku Viswanthan (staff liaison)

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

Call to Order

Chairperson Heather Blair called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m. Introductions were made.

ECFS Program Information

- New Binder for each member with council and meeting information
- Reviewed ECFS, Advisory Council, and Foundation Mission and Roles
- Each member encouraged to read over the bylaws; will be looking to make a new bylaw commitment in October.

Advisory Council Overview

- Attendance, start and end time, snacks, childcare and Robert Rules of Order discussed and explained
- This is a rebuilding year for the council and recruitment ideas were discussed.
- Past accomplishments, council commitment, and typical month were discussed.
- Members signed up for snacks and committees.
- 22-23 Fundraising ideas and Event/Dates were discussed.

Liaison Updates

Community Education Advisory Council Meeting on Tuesday, September 13, 2022. – Melissa Dunlay attended this meeting. Updates she shared: The CEAC discussed ways to keep and create community and how to make incorporate this throughout the various stages of life. The summer program went well, the District offered 10 weeks of programming that roughly 12,500 students attended. Community Education classes are now offered on a sliding fee scale and some of the more popular classes are Swimming, Horseback Riding, Gymnastics and Babysitting. Additionally, this year marks the 50th Anniversary for District 196 Community Education.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, November 8, 2022	Community Education Advisory Council	DVLC	6:00-7:30 pm
Wednesday, November 9, 2022	196 Legislative Advisory Council – Joint meeting with Budget Advisory Council	District Office	6:00-7:30 pm
Tuesday, November 15, 2022	Superintendent Parent Leader Meeting	TBD	Group 1: 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. Group 2: 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, November 30, 2022	196 Legislative Advisory Council	Apple Valley High School	6:00-7:30 pm

Other Business

New Advisory Council Members – Therine Liss and Ruku Viswanthan joined this meeting for the first time. Heather Blair asked the council to vote; the vote amongst the Council was unanimously “In Favor.” Therine Liss and Ruku Viswanthan were appointed as a new ECFS Advisory Council members starting in September 2022.

Adjournment

There being no further business Katie Rudolph made a motion to adjourn, Meredith Eilertson Azeem seconded and full council approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Future Meeting Dates

3rd Tuesday, every month - October 18, 2022, November 15, 2022, December 20, 2022, January 17, 2023, February 21, 2023, March 21, 2023, April 18, 2023, and May 16, 2023

Respectfully submitted, Dacia Liszka