



Early Childhood Family Services Advisory Council Minutes
October 18, 2022

Minutes

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

ISD 196 Staff present: Kristi Hanson

Call to Order

Chairperson Heather Blair called the meeting to order at 6:21 p.m. Introductions were made.

Approval of September 20, 2022 minutes

Chairperson called for motion to approve the minutes from the September 20, 2022 meeting and full council approved.

ECFS Program Updates – Kristi Hanson

- ECFE
 - Fall enrollment numbers are almost back to pre-pandemic numbers. We had to cancel one ECFE class fall quarter.
- Connections Preschool
 - The 4-year-old nature based preschool class opened and currently has eight students enrolled in the ½-day class Monday – Thursday.
 - There is a current waitlist for both the three and four-year-old programs.
- Family School
 - There are currently openings in Family School. We have gone through the waitlist.

Liaison Updates

Superintendent Parent Leader Meeting on Tuesday, September 29, 2022. – Katie Rudolph attended this meeting. Updates shared: Overall staffing is satisfactory, COVID-19 numbers so far this school year remain good, districtwide safety plans were shared regarding district events, there continues to be a sub shortage, the district is also looking at 3 – 5 additional late starts dates for teacher development and the possibility of new schools in the district .

196 Legislative Advisory Council Meeting on Wednesday, September 21, 2022. – Therine Liss attended this meeting. Updates shared: District budget, the districts need for adding and expanding schools, currently we are only serving 7% of district families (0-3 year olds), and 1/3 of our new hires are from other school districts.

Upcoming Events

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
Tuesday, January 10, 2023	Community Education Advisory Council	DVLC	6:00-7:30 pm
Wednesday, January 18, 2023	196 Legislative Advisory Council	Apple Valley High School	6:00-7:30 pm

Committee Updates

Parent Teacher Conferences Meal Plan for Wednesday, November 2, 2022

- There is not a budget for this event so all food donated by advisory council members.
- Soup and Salad bar – plan for 40-50 people.
- 4:30 p.m. (set-up) / 7:00 p.m. (clean-up) and can drop off during the day

Winter Event on Saturday, March 4, 2023 from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. held at the DVLC

- Dance Party
- Donations accepted at the door
- Silent Auction
- Winter Family Fun - title

Other Business

New Advisory Council Members – Adrienne Rysavy joined this meeting for the first time. Heather Blair asked the council to vote; the vote amongst the Council was unanimously “In Favor.” Adrienne Rysavy was appointed as a new ECFS Advisory Council member starting in October 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.

Future Meeting Dates

3rd Tuesday, every month - 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