



**Early Childhood Family Services Advisory Council Minutes
November 15, 2022**

Minutes

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

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

Guest: Melissa Siri

Call to Order

Chairperson Heather Blair called the meeting to order at 6:18 p.m. Introductions were made.

Approval of October 18, 2022 minutes

Chairperson called for motion to approve the minutes from the October 18, 2022 meeting and full council approved.

ECFS Program Updates – Kristi Hanson

- ECFE
 - Kristi shared a reminder that ECFE Winter registration closes on November 29, 2022.

Liaison Updates

ECFS Foundation – Jenna shared that there are currently six members on the ECFS Foundation and that recruiting efforts are underway for new members. The Foundation created an application in conjunction with ECFS Advisory Council and there has been various community outreach efforts.

Superintendent Parent Leader Meeting – Tuesday, November 15, 2022. – Katie Rudolph attended this meeting. Updates shared: All District 196 stakeholders are invited to attend meetings to get information about facilities, equipment and space needs in District 196, and provide feedback on possible improvements being considered to meet those needs in the state’s fourth largest school district. There are two in person District 196 Facilities meetings scheduled on Wednesday November 16, 2022 and Thursday, November 17, 2022. In addition to the in person meetings, there is also an online form on Distirct196.org where individuals can share their feedback if they are unable to make it to the meetings.

Community Education Advisory Council Meeting on Tuesday, November 8, 2022. –Melissa Dunlay attended this meeting. Updates shared: ECFS program overview and more details about the upcoming District 196 Facilities meetings.

196 Legislative Advisory Council Meeting on Wednesday, November 9, 2022. – Ruku Viswanthan attended this meeting. Updates shared: Finance overview and discussion around improving facilities, potential new buildings and where the funding would come for these various needs. They also discussed Pre-k and mental health support for kids and parents.

Upcoming Events

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
Tuesday, January 24, 2023	Superintendent Parent Leader Meeting	TBD	Group 1: 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. Group 2: 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Committee Updates

Parent Teacher Conferences Meal on Wednesday, November 2, 2022

- This event was a success and we received positive feedback from staff. The staff loved the food that individuals on the Advisory Council donated. A thank you note from the staff was shared with the council.

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

- Silent Auction calls
- New Script – Heather will update and email the link
- Laura has volunteered to be the Silent Auction organizer. All donations are due by February 20, 2023.
- Jennie will schedule a Zoom meeting for the group to continue planning discussions.

Other Business

Holiday Gathering planned at one of the Advisory Councils members home.

Book Fair at February Conference – Heather will look into this with Scholastic.

Adjournment

There being no further business Laura Bjork made a motion to adjourn, Therine Liss seconded and full council approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Future Meeting Dates

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

Respectfully submitted, Dacia Liszka