



Early Childhood Family Services Advisory Council Minutes
November 21, 2023

Minutes

Members present: Laura Bjork, Jennie Bordonaro, Adriana de la Cadena, Jamie Duffey, **Melissa Dunlay**, Meredith Eilertson Azeem, Maggie Flaten, Sam Gaylord, Jessica Glenn, Jorge González Castro, Therine Liss, **Katie Rudolph**, and Adrienne Rysavy

Guest:

ISD 196 Staff present: Jenna Ruble

Call to Order

Chairperson Katie Rudolph called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. Introductions were made.

Recorder

Maggie Flaten

Approval of October 17, 2023 minutes

Chairperson called for motion to approve the minutes from the October 17, 2023 meeting and full council approved.

Liaison Updates

Superintendent Parent Leader Meeting on Tuesday, November 14, 2023. – Updates shared: reading is literacy and District 196 is adopting a structured literacy model and moving away from balanced literacy due to the READ Act and the district calendar will be adjusted due to additional professional development.

196 Legislative Advisory Council Meeting on Wednesday, November 8, 2023 – Therine Liss attended the meeting. This meeting included the budget council. Updates shared: Pleased with referendum and a website will be created to update on progress in December 2023, enrolment is down 1% in the district, District 196 is the 3rd largest school district in the state, school resources officers, READ Act and literacy program and budget implications from unemployment program changes.

ECFS Foundation Meeting in October 2023 – Jenna Ruble and Laura Bjork attended and shared that the By Laws were updated and they are currently working on a Grant process.

Community Education Advisory Council Meeting – Tuesday, November 14, 2023 – Melissa Dunlay attended. Updates shared: The council is working on a new mission statement to align with the District, budget and by laws will be reviewed in January 2024, a presentation from Adult Basic Education, and information on federal and state funding.

Committee Updates

ECFE

- Jenna shared that the winter registration is going well and infant classes are full.

Hospitality Committee

- Parent-Teacher conference meal went great in November.
- Upcoming
 - o February 7 & 8 conference meals (expanding donations to include ECFS Foundation members)
 - o Teacher appreciation

Fundraising Committee

- Scholastic Book Fair
 - o We will not do another Scholastic book fair in the fall due to how the proceeds can and can't be used. May consider having one in the spring.
- Winter Family Fun Event - March 2, 2024 / 9:30-11:30
 - o Silent Auction List – reminder to make calls
 - o 10-15 volunteers are needed
 - o Create flyer to solicit, advertisements and donations
 - o Activities during event will be similar to last year

Education and Planning Committee

- No updates to share as the committee is current looking at other districts class topic offerings, times, structure, etc.

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, January 3, 2024	196 Legislative Advisory Council	District Office – 3455 153 rd St. W., Rosemount	6:00-7:30 pm
Tuesday, January 9, 2024	Community Education Advisory Council	Zoom	6:00-7:30 pm
Tuesday, January 23, 2024	Superintendent Parent Leader Meeting	Zoom	Group 1: 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. Group 2: 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.
TBD	ECFS Foundation Meeting	DVLC	6:00-7:30 p.m.

Other Business

- December gathering planned at one of the Advisory Councils members home.

Adjournment

There being no further business Katie Rudolph made a motion to adjourn, Jennie Bordonaro seconded and full council approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Future Meeting Dates

3rd Tuesday, every month - December 12, 2023, January 16, 2024, February 20, 2024, March 19, 2024, April 16, 2024, and May 21, 2024

Respectfully submitted, Dacia Liszka