



**Early Childhood Family Services Advisory Council Minutes**  
**January 16, 2024**

**Minutes**

**Members present:** Laura Bjork, Adriana de la Cadena, Jamie Duffey, **Melissa Dunlay**, Meredith Eilertson Azeem, Jessica Glenn, **Katie Rudolph**, and Adrienne Rysavy

**Guest:**

**ISD 196 Staff present:** Jenna Ruble and Dacia Liszka

**Call to Order**

Chairperson Katie Rudolph called the meeting to order at 6:27 p.m. Introductions were made.

**Recorder**

Dacia Liszka

**Early Childhood Family Services Update/Overview**

**ECFE**

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

**Connections Preschool**

- Jenna Ruble shared that the planning for the 2024-2025 school year is underway.

**Liaison Updates**

**Superintendent Parent Leader Meeting** – Updates shared: various retirements in the district, 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 3 additional professional development, teacher contract negotiations still in process, and summer programming.

**Community Education Advisory Council Meeting** – Updates shared: PowerPoint presentation on the Mission, Vision and Values, and an overview of the budget.

**Committee Updates**

**Hospitality Committee**

- February 7 & 8 conference meals
  - Meals will be provided both days
    - February 7 - meals donated by DVLC preschool families. An email and sign-up will be sent out.
    - February 8 - food will be ordered
- Teacher Appreciation

- Meeting scheduled for April 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. to plan for this event.
- SY24-25 Open House
  - Ideas needed

**Fundraising Committee**

- Winter Family Fun Event - March 2, 2024 / 9:30-11:30
  - Silent Auction List – reminder to make calls
  - 10-15 volunteers are needed – Jennie Bordonaro
  - Create flyer and add event on Facebook
  - Activities during event will be same as last year
  - DJ Ben secured
  - Food details are in the works
  - Bidding Owl
  - Website created for the event
  - Supplies for the event need to be ordered

**Education and Planning Committee**

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

**Family School Book Drive Committee**

- Second week of May – will set the planning meeting date at next Advisory Council meeting.
  - Organize the book donations
  - Consignment sales end of April and beginning of May
  - Ask for donations at DVLC

**Upcoming Events**

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.
Wednesday, March 6, 2024	196 Legislative Advisory Council	District Office – 3455 153 <sup>rd</sup> St. W., Rosemount	6:00-7:30 pm
Tuesday, March 12, 2024	Community Education Advisory Council	Zoom	6:00-7:30 pm
TBD	ECFS Foundation Meeting	DVLC	6:00-7:30 p.m.

**Other Business**

**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 8:09 p.m.

**Future Meeting Dates**

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

Respectfully submitted, Dacia Liszka