



DISTRICT 196

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

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Early Childhood Family Services Advisory Council Minutes

October 15, 2024

Minutes

Members present: Laura Bjork, Megan Bollinger, Adriana de la Cadena, Manuel Diaz, **Jamie Duffey, Melissa Dunlay**, Jessica Glenn, Jorge González Castro, Sasha Hiatt-Blenkush, Dave Kerber, Therine Liss, Brianna Riofski, Katie Rudolph, Adrienne Rysavy, Sabrina Silver, Ruku Viswanathan and Angie Wang

ISD 196 Staff present: Zachary Gonsioroski

Call to Order

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

Approval of September 17, 2024 minutes

Chairperson called for motion to approve the minutes from the September 17, 2024 meeting and full council approved.

ECFS Program Overview – Zachary Gonsioroski

- Currently filling the last few available spots in the 3s & 4s classes.
- The Fiscal Year 2024 budget has been completed and finalized.
- Discussions are taking place regarding what's trending and proposed trending with other areas in the district.
- Looking at what spaces will we potentially have to utilize growth.
- Special Ed needs additional space and we are looking at the inclusion model with them.

Liaison Updates

District 196 Superintendent Meeting on Tuesday, September 24, 2024. – Meredith Eilertson Azeem and Melissa Dunlay attended these meetings. Updates shared: Superintendent made introductions for the majority of the meeting, he gave an overview on his history with the district, the areas of focus will be communication, diversity and on our youngest learners, spoke about the upcoming school board elections, proposed elementary attendance and boundary lines.

District 196 Legislative Advisory Council on Wednesday, October 2, 2024. – Sabrina Silver and Dave Kerber attended. Updates shared: Unemployment funds district may need to spend inward; the budget is up in the air based upon how much will come from the state, special election coming up might help, talked about a potential Referendum, updated us that the bonding bill didn't pass for the hockey center and mandates were hot topics - push for none - ex: reading, no cellphones.

Committee Updates

Fundraising

- **Chipotle – September 18, 2024**
 - Raised \$250.00 (some of the orders may have not gone thru on mobile orders)
 - Set-up was very easy
- **Future Restaurant Fundraising Brainstorm**
 - Look into other restaurants Ex: Red Robin, Mason Jar, McDonalds, Teresa's, Noodles & Co, Cane's, etc.
 - The Winter Family Fun Event – when asking for donations they may so no but could ask if they offer restaurant night
 - Look at additional ways to communicate future fundraisers
- **Winter Family Fun Event – February 22, 2025 from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.**
 - Planning underway:
 - Start reaching out to companies asking for everyone's involvement
 - Bigger named items - sports venues want 12-week notice
 - Donation letter & tax letter saved in the file
 - Appreciation letter signed by Zachary G
 - Social Media Thank You discussed from last year
 - Add sponsor levels to the donor list recognition page
 - Title of event, Marketing
 - Silent Auction List – update
 - Bring in your extra baskets for the auction

Hospitality

- **Birthday Bash - October 3, 2024**
 - Update: WENT GREAT!
 - Future ideas:
 - Redo of the Open House
 - What drew people?
 - Was any money raised the night of the event?
 - Could there have been a basket set out for people to donate?
- **Parent-Teacher Conference Meal**
 - Site: DVLC
 - Date: Wednesday, November 6, 2024
 - Time: 4:30 pm set up
 - What: meal – sign up for council & families
 - Food around 35 people
 - Vegetarian, gluten free option
 - Soups, chips, cookie tray, sloppy joes (taverns), bread enough for leftovers
 - Plates, bowls, silverware
 - Clean Up: 7PM sign up about an hour.
 - Bring in your donated Tupperware to Kristi or Zachary

Outdoor Spaces

- Katie emailed Anna Dutke & Dana/Heidi on ECFS Foundation regarding their thoughts on this committee.
 - Anna: weeding, mulch, maintenance, outdoor classroom space
 - Dana: cabin playhouse, climbing structures, still have natural play space designer consult (expensive)
 - Discussions on what to focus on play or maintenance or both

Upcoming Events

Thursday, October 24, 2024	ECFS Foundation Meeting – Katie	DVLC	6:00-7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, November 12, 2024	Community Education Advisory Council – Melissa	DVLC	6:00-7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, November 12, 2024	Superintendent Parent Leader Meeting – Meredith (a.m.) & Laura (p.m.)	Zoom	Group 1: 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. Group 2: 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, November 13, 2024	196 Legislative Advisory Council – Sabrina and Dave	District Office 3455 153rd Street West., Rosemount	6:00-7:30 p.m.

Other Business

- Discussed people and/or high schooler joining the council late.
- Dean will be stepping away from the council.
- Education and Planning Conversation tabled to next meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business Melissa Dunlay made a motion to adjourn, Dave Kerber seconded and full council approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Future Meeting Dates

3rd Tuesday, every month - November 19, 2024, December 10, 2024, January 21, 2025, February 18, 2025, March 18, 2025, April 15, 2025, and May 20, 2025

Respectfully submitted, Dacia Liszka