

Tacoma Public Schools

Head Start Policy Council



Policy Council Meeting Minutes – February 27, 2024

Meeting called to order at 10:10 a.m.

Roll Call - The following sites were represented at the meeting:

19 sites with elected members, 14 sites in attendance (73.6%)

- Arlington (Rep.)
- Blix (Rep. & Alt.)
- Downing (Rep.)
- Edison (Rep. & Alt.)
- Franklin (Rep. & Alt.)
- Geiger (Alt.)
- Larchmont (Rep.)
- Madison (Rep.)
- Manitou (Rep.)
- Mann (Rep.)
- Roosevelt (Rep. & Alt.)
- Stanley (Rep.)
- Whitman (Alt.)
- Willard (Rep.)
- Chair, Vice-Chair, WSA Rep.

Last Month's Minutes

Rep. Kamp from Franklin made a motion to approve January's minutes. The motion was seconded by Rep. Jackson from Edison. The motion was approved.

Executive Board Resignations

The current Chair, Rep. Summers, and the Member-at-Large, Rep. Ferguson, resigned from the Executive Board. Elections were held and both positions were filled. The new Chair is Rep. Etienne from Madison and the new Member-at-Large is Rep. Jackson from Edison.

Director's Report

Staffing: Assistant vacancies at Madison will be difficult to fill due to the District's pay cycle (too close to the end of the school year).

Enrollment: Enrollment opens April 8. Families should check with their advocate to see if their students are attending their neighborhood school. Advocates can assist with choice enrollment for kindergarten, if needed.

Madison & Willard: Madison 7 classroom will be going to Mann and Madison 4 is going to Reed. The Willard classroom is going to Skyline. The ECEAP classroom at Willard is moving to Lyon.

School Readiness Goals: An updated version, along with the previous version, were included in the handouts. Additional social emotional skills and math skills were added. Members were asked to review changes prior to the next meeting. These changes will be voted on at the March 26 meeting.

Federal Funding Update: The anticipated cuts to Head Start may not happen and instead, it may just be flat funding (no increases). Thank you to those who lobbied for Head Start.

Budget Report:

A report showing non-discretionary (salaries and benefits), discretionary (supplies and services), and the training budget was shared with members along with the credit card report.

Action Item: 5-Year Goals and Objectives

Rep. Woof from Mann, made a motion to approve the 5-Year Goals & Objectives. Rep. Malarcher from Willard 2nd the motion. Motion approved.

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Component Reports

Health– Thank you to everyone who visited the community resource fair. The agencies gave great feedback. We will continue to have an annual resource fair. The 24-25 resource fair will probably be in the spring. Please continue to turn in documentation of current physical and dental exams.

Family-Community – Advocates are wrapping up the 2nd meeting with families for the year. Tardiness has become a real issue within the program. Staff are working with families to help them understand the importance of being to school on time and how late arrivals have a negative impact on learning.

Education – Teacher-Parent conferences will occur March 20-23. There will be no school on those days. Teachers will be contacting parents to set up appointments. Individual learning goals will be discussed with parents during the conference.

In-kind Challenge

The In-kind trophy for January went to Stanley Head Start. Congratulations Stanley! For February, the winner will be based on “Most Improved”.

Site Share-Out

There were no share-outs from sites.

Meeting adjourned

Rep. Kamp from Edison made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Alt. Petersohn from Edison. The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.