

## **Early Childhood Family Services Advisory Council Minutes**

**May, 2026**

### **Minutes**

**Members present:** Laura Bjork, Melissa Dunlay, Adrienne Rysavy, **Jamie Duffey, Dave Kerber**, Megan Bollinger, Adriana de la Cadena, Jessica Glenn, Miranda Birchard, Meredith Eilertson Azeem, Jorge González Castro, Brianna Riofski

**ISD 196 Staff present:** Zachary Gonsioroski, Kristi Hanson

**Guest:** Katie Rudolph

### **Call to Order**

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

### **Approval of April 14, 2026 minutes**

Chairperson called for a motion to approve the minutes from the April 14, 2026 meeting and full council approved.

### **ECFS Program Overview - Zachary Gonsioroski**

- ECFE Update – Summer Registration and Update
  - Summer session 117 children & 81 families placed. Highest in 4 years. More offerings than ever.
  - There are still spots available.
- Connections preschool update
  - Numbers are lower than last year at this point. Spread the word. Rolled to waitlist for family school and there are openings.
  - 5 Teach assistant posting coming up. Kristi's replacement interviews are coming up.

### **Guest Speaker**

- ECFS Foundation Treasurer: Katie Rudolf
  - Balance: \$35,697.76
  - 2026 Fundraising & Donations: \$7570.60
  - 2026 Fiscal YTD Expenses: \$766.22
    - o Expense Breakdown: \$268.15
    - o Speaker: \$281.07
    - o Grant Reimbursement: \$217.00
- Upcoming:
  - Future Grants will come out of budget.
  - Teacher appreciation gifts: \$113.65
  - ECFE Program Reimbursement: \$3050.00
  - Breakdown: Silent Auction was largest, restaurant fundraisers, and
- Send reimbursement requests to [ECFSFoundation@gmail.com](mailto:ECFSFoundation@gmail.com)

## **Committee Updates:**

- Family School Book Drive - Meredith
  - Book sort and setup went well. Good collection of books. There are two bins leftover. Miranda will connect with teachers and students to gift more books to the 3s program at DVLC.
  - Notes for next year:
    - o Half price books are considering partnering.
    - o Miranda knows the contact at Just Between Friends.
    - o Reusable totes & trader joes assisted with giving bags, Lunds & Byerlys.
- Hospitality - Melissa
  - Thank you to all who delivered items to schools. Trail mix bar was leftover. Considering going back to doing baskets for next year.
- Fundraising - Adrienne
  - Maleku will be at the fall event and 2nd Sunday of the month starting in October
    - o Starting at Fall event and then will do a monthly fundraiser going forward for a year and go from there.
  - May - Beirut Lebanese May 19th, 11am-8pm donating 10% when you don't have to mention codes.
  - September: Savoy TBD
- Outdoor Committee
  - Bid requests none. chip drop. Contacting Weed Man.
  - Option to come before the picnic. Normally an hour before the summer picnic. Ask Heidi send out an invite for picnic on 30th and then an invite to weed.

## **Discussion**

By-Laws updates Co chairs reviewed.

- Changing terms to years under terms of membership.
- Changing the committees to form May & Sept vs just September
- Council will meet once a month from August/September instead of only August.
- Unanimous votes approved by council.

2026 Backyard Bash: Brianna

Sept 24th 5-7PM running with the similar events. Maleku will be doing a food truck fundraiser onsite.

- Winter Fundraising Event - pick date

Tentatively March 6, 2027. March 5, 2026 is a no school day.

- Adding of Graphic Design & Social Media Committee

Will be named Marketing & Communications

- End of Year Picnic

o May 30th from 9:30-11:30

o Bring your entire family & snacks/breakfast items for yourselves or to share

- ECFS Advisory Council Meet & Greet/Q&A - Tuesday, September 8th 5:45 pm can share that date and time.

Recognition of outgoing members

Meredith Eilertson Azeem & Jessica Glenn

## **Adjournment**

There being no further business Jorge González Castro made a motion to adjourn, Meredith Azeem seconded and full council approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

## **Future Meeting Dates**

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, every month September 8, 2026

Respectfully submitted, Brianna Riofski