



Robert Cantwell <rcantwell@pps.net>

Re: URGENT: Head Start Parent Policy Council Needs Approval Votes on 2 Action Items

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Sun, Aug 21, 2022 at 3:14 PM

To: Robert Cantwell <rcantwell@pps.net>

Cc: Matt Blairstone <matt.blairstone@gmail.com>, Rhiannon Martin <rhmartin@pps.net>, Crystal Ball <cball@pps.net>, Nancy Robles <nrobles@pps.net>

Hi Robert,

The Policy Council voted and **Approves Both Motion:**

1.) 2022-2023 School Readiness Goals - allowing Head Start to continue through to the end of this 5-year grant cycle.

Motion to Approve: Matt Blairstone

Second: Kim Amez

Votes to Approve:

- o Kate Blairstone
- o Kim Richards
- o Sherly Paul
- o Jennifer Albers
- o Dora Kaske

7 Votes Approve

0 Votes Disapprove

0 Votes Abstain

Motion Passes

2.) Head Start Enrollment Modification Request - allowing PPS Head Start to submit a Change in Scope amendment to the Office of Head Start to convert the remaining part-day slots to full-day to all extended day classrooms.

Motion to Approve: Matt Blairstone

Second: Kim Amez

Votes to Approve:

- o Kate Blairstone
- o Kim Richards
- o Sherly Paul
- o Jennifer Albers
- o Dora Kaske

7 Votes Approve

0 Votes Disapprove

0 Votes Abstain

Motion Passes

If you have any other questions or concerns, please let me know. Thank you!

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On Sat, Aug 20, 2022 at 10:54 AM Robert Cantwell <rcantwell@pps.net> wrote:

Hello, Huynh and Matt,

I haven't counted, but I think we may have enough votes of approval now. Can you double check and then send me an email with the vote tally and a statement that the Policy Council approves both motions?

Many, many thanks!

Robert

On Fri, Aug 19, 2022 at 11:35 PM Dora Kaske <dkdorita1@gmail.com> wrote:

I Dora Kaske approve both motions

On Fri, Aug 19, 2022, 4:58 PM Kenneth. baz vq bqhtyhh_ Albers <kcmomma54@gmail.com> wrote:

Approve

On Thu, Aug 18, 2022, 9:09 PM sherly paul <sherlyp2967@gmail.com> wrote:

Approve

On Thu, Aug 18, 2022 at 8:05 AM GMAIL: Huynh Pool <huynh.pool@gmail.com> wrote:

Good morning Everyone!

Hope your summer is going great! Many congratulations to those who have incoming kindergarteners and many cheers for those who have incoming little ones continuing another year at Head Start! It has been quite a busy year for us all.

Robert has brought 2 important action items that need Parent Policy Council members to take a vote on and approve (at least 6 votes of approval in order to pass).

I would like to share with you all what Robert has presented for the action items needed for a motion of approval:

1. **2022-2023 School Readiness Goals** (attached): We update these each year. These are the same as last year and will take us through to the end of this 5-year grant cycle. PC approval is required.

2. **Enrollment Modification Request** (attached): Based on our Community Needs Assessment showing that the large majority of families want and need full-day preschool and the fact that our part-day slots have been very difficult to fill and keep filled, which challenges our full enrollment requirement, we applied for and were granted conversion of our remaining part-day slots to full-day. This resulted in a decrease in our overall enrollment from 760 to 648 spaces, all extended day across our 36 classrooms. This also resulted in an increase of over \$500,000 to our state grant because full day slots are funded at a higher rate than part-day slots. In addition, we were able to reduce class size for all classrooms from 20 to 18. Research suggests that smaller class sizes and higher adult to student ratios support a higher quality early learning experience. We need to submit a Change in Scope amendment to the Office of Head Start, and PC approval is required. Approving the second document attached will get this done.

Robert and Nancy are available for discussion on any one or all of these items. We can also schedule a virtual meeting as well if it makes you feel more comfortable before casting your vote. If you do not have any questions or concerns, I would like to proceed in asking to get a motion for a vote:

I, Huynh Pool, current sitting officer of PPS Head Start Policy Council would like to make a motion to approve the 1st action item: 2022-2023 School Readiness Goals,

that will allow Head Start to continue through to the end of this 5-year grant cycle.

I, Huynh Pool, current sitting officer of PPS Head Start Policy Council would like to make a motion to approve the 2nd action item: Enrollment Modification Request, where PPS Head Start will submit a Change in Scope amendment to the Office of Head Start that will convert the remaining part-day slots to full-day which will decrease the overall enrollment from 760 to 648 spaces, all extended day across the 36 classrooms, but with the increase funds of over \$500,000 to the state grant bringing class sizes from 20 to 18, a ratio to best support students for a higher quality early learning experience.

Please submit your vote for **both action items** of either: APPROVE / DISAPPROVE / ABSTAIN FROM VOTE

I will share the final results with Robert so he can process the needed items to be submitted before the start of this school year for Head Start.

Thank you for your time!

Huynh Pool

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