



Parent Policy Council Minutes

Zoom Call

5-10-22

Info	<p>Warm Welcome Agenda Overview In Attendance: Matt Blirstone, Rhiannon Martin, Robert Cantwell, Huynh Pool, Sherly Paul, Thong Nguyen (interpreter), Luis Aguilera (interpreter), Lauren Rosenthal, Betsy Freeman, Elvy He (interpreter), Maricela Ortega, Jennifer Albers</p>	Chair - Huynh Pool
	<p>Prize Wheel Rhiannon covered for Crystal. Maricela wins the prize.</p>	Rhiannon
Action	<p>Minutes: Review and approve minutes from April</p>	<p>Matt Move to approve: Matt Seconded: Jennifer Approve: 6</p>
Action	<p>Treasurer's Report New expense for NHSA Conference stipend (discussed last month).</p>	<p>Maricela Move to approve: Matt Seconded: Maricela Approve: 6</p>
Action	<p>Director's Report Robert reviewed, with Rhiannon assisting. Hiring one Education Supervisor, 1 Ed. Asst ½ time and 2 limited term assts. April attendance down 3% from March, to 79%.</p>	<p>Robert Move to approve: Lauren Seconded: Maricela Approve: 6</p>
Action	<p>FY22 Federal COLA & QI funds application Cost of Living Allowance. Robert requests approval to apply for these funds (to offset staff compensation)</p>	<p>Robert Move to approve: Sherly Seconded: Matt Approve: 6</p>
Action	<p>Stipend allocation for attendees to state and national conferences Resumption of discussion from last month. Two items to discuss: Will there be a stipend for OR conferences? If so, what amt. will that be? One note: this can be tweaked next year *for* next year as well; we just need to get it sorted for this upcoming conference. **Lots of people had a lot of very strong thoughts about all of this.</p>	<p>Move to approve \$59.00 stipend/day to match the per diem for upcoming conference: Sherly Seconded: Matt Approve: 6 Move to retroactively allocate \$ to match per diem to the previous conference travel: Sherly Seconded: Matt Approve: 6</p>

<p>Info</p>	<p><u>Exploration of culturally specific classrooms as part of Early Learning Dept.</u> Currently 3 Spanish language DLI classrooms; the District has other DLI classrooms as well. Program looking into creating a Vietnamese DLI classroom, having conversations and asking questions, getting feedback from stakeholders, continuing to investigate and moving forward with a feasibility plan. In addition to that, program investigating a culturally-specific classroom for our Black/African American students and families. Conversations with stakeholders (Enrollment and Transfer, PPS District leadership, Region X, partners, etc). Moving to survey families in Head Start related to these classroom ideas. Both ideas are in the exploration stage, looking at feasibility for both. Comments: make sure if classrooms are approved that staff have ample time to prepare, look about curriculum, implement in a meaningful and mindful way, do not rush the process, other organizations are doing some of this work (Healthy Birth Initiative, SEI, Black Parent Initiative), it is important to find others that share your culture/race/ethnicity, it is important to see others who look like you in school settings, question asked about Critical Race Theory (is that what the classroom is teaching-have people asked that?), important to focus on seeing yourself represented, good idea to have ways to respond to questions or concerns, the ability of Head Start to offer these opportunities to children is so important, use resources/partners in the community to ensure appropriate implementation and design</p>	<p>***Matt exited meeting here. Robert assumed taking of minutes (thank you Robert.)</p>
<p>Info</p>	<p><u>Policy Council Recruitment Video</u> Received 3 videos from Kim, Huynh, and Dora. Rhiannon and Crystal will be working with Terry Proctor to turn videos into a recruitment video for Policy Council next year.</p>	<p>Rhiannon</p>
<p>Info</p>	<p><u>Fundraising Update</u> Kim reported that Crystal has been working with someone. Fundraiser at Kennedy School with proceeds coming to PPS Head Start. Date is to be determined. Should bring in a lot of funds. Robert reported that Region X and the ELD has suggested that a private Gmail email be created to engage in Amazon Smile as a fundraising tool. Discuss</p>	<p>Kim</p>

	next month. Hopefully, Nancy will be present to help with process.	
Info	<p><u>NHSA Conference Report out</u></p> <p>Kim reported on her learning at the conference. Learned so much. Themes of trauma, reset and rejuvenate, mindfulness, effects of the pandemic, TickTock (Trauma Informed Conversations), dysregulated behaviors in children. Great team experience. Recommends anyone should go. Check in with Kim if you have questions. Robert echoed Kim's sentiments. He attended a great session on fathers/male figures. Rhiannon attended a great virtual session.</p>	Kim
Info	<p><u>OHSA State Meeting, May 16-18</u></p> <p>Huynh, Jennifer, Robert, Crystal, and Courtney will attend the meeting next week.</p>	
	<p><u>Prize Wheel</u></p> <p>Sherly Paul wins the 2nd round!</p>	Rhiannon
Info	<p>New/Old News</p> <p>Adjournment</p>	<p>Chair- Huynh Pool</p> <p>Move to approve:</p> <p>Seconded:</p> <p>Approve: all</p>
<p>Next Meeting: June 7, 2022 @ 5:30</p>		