



EARLY LEARNING EDUCATION POLICY COUNCIL

ATTENDANCE

April 28, 2015

PARENTS

Name	Center	Site
Allison C	Bellevue	Phantom Lake
America R	Bellevue	Stevenson
Angela L	Tacoma	NE Tacoma
April M	Federal Way	Woodmont
Brittany B	Midland's Kiddie Korral	
Carmen G	Puget Sound ESD	Educare
Carolyn S	MCFHC	
Cassandra P	Clover Park	Evergreen
Corneisha J	Puget Sound ESD	Past Parent
Courtney G	Cottesmore	
Dale A	KYFS	Panther Lake
Debi C	Puget Sound ESD	Past Parent
Dehlia W	KYFS	Kent Youth
Fatma A	Tukwila	Throndyke
Gabriela V	Puget Sound ESD	Roosevelt
Grace S	Puget Sound ESD	Past Parent
James P	Puget Sound ESD	Tillicum

Name	Center	Site
Javier A	Auburn	Pioneer
Joanne S	Puget Sound ESD	
Kaleana A	YWCA Family Village	
Lauretta P	Federal Way	Truman
Maria C	Puget Sound ESD	Past Parent
Michelle E	Lake Washington	Emily Dickinson
Nicole H	Federal Way	Sherwood Forest
Rebecca S	Peninsula	Evergreen
Rick P	Tacoma	Willard
Ruby M	Bellevue	Ardmore
Sabrina E	Puget Sound ESD	Past Parent
Shereese R	KYFS	Kent Family Center
Susan B	Bates Technical College	Puyallup
Tabby W	Cottesmore	
Tasha C	Auburn	Lea Hill
Yessica O	PCCC	Sumner Immersion
Zayda Q	Puget Sound ESD	Past Parent

GUEST PARENTS

Stephanie, Tillicum
 Christal, Tillicum
 Debbie, Oakwood

Diosolina, Greenbridge
 Matthew, Evergreen

GUESTS

Adriana Flores, Interpreter
 Tania Castillo, Interpreter
 Amy Brown, ACAP
 Ashley Witzens, Midland's Kiddie Korral
 Margarita Arias, Seola Gardens

Theresa Benson, Greenbridge
 Mary Johnson, MCFHC
 Amalia Perez, MCFHC
 Kim Napier, Tacoma
 Katy Brown, Tacoma

PUGET SOUND ESD STAFF

Denyse Guthrie, Program Specialist
 Gene Gousie, Operations Director
 Heather Kawamoto, Equity in Education
 Kay Lancaster, Education Director
 Kathy Schirman, Family Child Care

LaTanya Brooks, Family Support Coordinator
 Lori Pittman, Policy and Advocacy Advisor
 Nubia López, Project Manager
 Tafra Jones, Policy Council Assistant
 Verda Lofton, Family Engagement Director

Call to Order – Sabrina

Sabrina called the meeting to order at 10:15 AM.

Welcome to Policy Council

Agenda Overview:

- Policy Council Business Items
 - Continue the Discussion on the Opportunity Gap
 - Community Complaint Policy
 - Time in Subgroups
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Minutes, March 24 – Zayda

Presented by Zayda at 10:20

Cassandra motioned to approve the minutes and Fatma seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report, March – Ruby

Presented by Ruby at 10:23. Ruby reviewed the reports and the differences between the Head Start and ECEAP reports.

Carolyn motioned to approve the treasurer's report for March as presented and Dale seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Leading with Racial Equity – Heather & Kay

Heather reviewed the presentation we had last month. She works in the Equity Department. She reminded us that we are in Duwamish territory – a tribe that has lived here before there were any Americans. Kay introduced herself and said she would co-present. She reminded us to think not only about whose shoulders we stand on in order to be here, but also about those we are holding up. She provided four agreements to guide our conversations about race.

- Remain committed
- Experience being uncomfortable
- Tell your truth
- Expect and Accept non closure

They presented a video: Race, the Power of an Illusion and then we broke into small affinity groups based on race to discuss what we learned on the video.

Self Assessment – Nathalie

Presented by Nathalie at 12:30. She explained that we would break into small groups to evaluate how Policy Council engages centers and to think about how we can do it better.

Community Complaint Policy – Nubia

We discussed the changes to the Community Complaint Policy. Nubia showed us the changes that were proposed in February about how complaints can be presented by a group and that there should be less days in which to respond to the complainant.

Grace suggested that if we had a process to complain, there should be a process on how to contribute. We decided there is no need for it to be written formally but we added a statement under the informal resolution section.

Debi motioned to accept the Community Complain Policy with the proposed changes and Cassandra seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Federal Review – Gene

Gene gave a brief presentation about the Federal Review that took place. There were some findings, 1 in the non-compliance area and 2 in the concern area. This review was on the health and environmental safety area. We are awaiting more details from Region X and after receiving more information; we will work with centers to develop an action plan and to establish expectations for all of our centers.

Respectfully submitted by Zayda (Secretary/Treasurer)

Upcoming Meetings:

Executive Board
June 2, 2015
10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Policy Council
June 9, 2015
9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Sabrina Eubanks, Co-Chair, ECEAP: _____

Javier Armas, Co-Chair, Head Start: _____