



EARLY LEARNING POLICY COUNCIL

ATTENDANCE

May 15, 2018

SITES REPRESENTED BY ELECTED PARENT REPRESENTATIVES:

Tacoma SD / Whittier Elem
 Enumclaw SD / JJ Smith
 Multicultural Family Hope Center / MFHC
 Heritage Head Start / Seola Gardens
 Issaquah SD / Briarwood Elem
 Federal Way SD / Brigadoon Elem
 PSESD Home-Based / Downtown Bates
 Bates Tech College / Eastside
 Auburn SD / Lea Hill Elem
 Federal Way SD / Truman High
 Shoreline SD / North City
 PCHC / South Hill

Tacoma Comm College / TCC ELC
 Federal Way SD / Uptown PD
 Kent Youth & Fam Services / Panther Lake
 Federal Way SD / Mirror Lake
 PCHS / Sumner Avanza
 PCHS / South Hill Puyallup
 Renton SD / Meadow Crest ELC
 Federal Way SD / Sherwood Forest Elem
 Educare / Educare
 Bates Tech College / Fife/Milton
 Federal Way SD / Uptown Square FD
 Bates Tech College / Puyallup

INTERPRETERS

Adriana Flores, PSESD Renton

Blanca Rivas LeFort, PSESD Renton

SITES REPRESENTED BY PARENT GUESTS

Clover Park SD / Tillicum Elem

SITE / STAFF GUESTS

Melissa McPheeters, Franklin Pierce SD
 Joanne Seng, Board Member
 Leah Reynolds, Meadow Crest

Katy Brown, Tacoma SD Whittier
 Vickie Warren
 Krissy Brabham, Tacoma SD Bryant Montessori

PUGET SOUND ESD STAFF

Lori Pittman, PSESD
 Quincy Stone, PSESD
 Cammy Ariola-Moku, PSESD
 Barb Johnson, PSESD
 Kathy Schirman, PSESD FCC
 Rose Hawkins, PSESD
 Natalia Juarez, PSESD

Venissia Buyco, PSESD
 Cheryl Polasek, PSESD
 Nelly Mbajah, PSESD
 Talena Dixon, PSESD
 Kristin Wells, PSESD Mental Health & Wellness
 Nicole Johnson, PSESD Mental Health & Wellness
 Nikki Battles, PSESD

10:00 Welcome

KC reviewed the agenda, introduced the 2017-18 PC Leadership Team and reminded parents that Parent Leadership Reimbursement Forms are due to the inbox in the back of the room by 11:00 a.m. to guarantee that a check will be ready at the end of the meeting.

10:10 Policy Council Business and Liason/Committee Reportbacks

Policy Council Meeting Minutes

Policy Council reviewed the April Meeting Minutes for accuracy.

JA motioned that the April Meeting Minutes were presented, reviewed, and that all questions were answered. SH seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Policy Council Treasurer's Report

Policy Council reviewed the Treasurer's Reports for March.

DY motioned that the March Treasurer's report has been presented, reviewed, and that all questions were answered. CJ seconded the motion. Motion passed.

10:20 Program Reports

Personnel Actions

Policy Council discussed parent involvement in the hiring process and asked parents to review the May Personnel Actions.

GVM motioned that the May Personnel Actions were presented, reviewed, and that all questions were answered. MR seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Fiscal Reports Summary

Policy Council reviewed the April Fiscal Summary. The Policy Council Leadership Team reviewed these full reports at their meeting on May 1, 2018. These reports are available on the Early Learning website following the meeting (go to www.earlylearningwa.org, click on **Governance**, then choose **Policy Council** from the drop-down menu, and choose **Policy Council 2017-18** for the handouts for the current program year).

DY motioned that the April Fiscal Summary, which reflects the March Budget, Procurement Card report and In-Kind report has been presented, reviewed, and that all questions were answered. MR seconded the motion. Motion passed.

10:30 NHSA Report-back

Leadership Team reported-back on their trip to NHSA's 45th annual National Head Start Conference in Anaheim, CA. AH shared that there were many PC members and other parents, staff and Directors in attendance and it was good to see such a high level of engagement and participation. Leadership Team and PC staff attended several workshops on a variety of topics including: sun safety, father-figure participation, parenting skills and advocacy skills. More information will be shared at upcoming Policy Council meetings.

10:45 11:10 EHS CCP Continuation Funding Application

Lori Pittman, Policy, Advocacy, and Governance Advisor, presented the Funding Application for the Continuation of the EHS-CCP grant. Puget Sound Educational Service District is the Grantee for 160 Early Head Start Child Care Partnership (EHS-CCP) slots through our 10HP0007 grant. Early Head Start grantees partner with licensed center based or licensed family child care providers who are willing to adhere to the Head Start Performance Standards. This

partnership is intended to raise the quality of centers who are already serving or willing to serve children in the opportunity gap. The EHS-CCP increase teacher qualification, education and professional development. Highlights of EHS-CCP include:

- Provide continuous, intensive, and comprehensive child development and family support services that enhance children’s physical, social, emotional, and intellectual development;
- Promote positive parent-child interactions and provide services to parents to support their role as parents;
- Provide family engagement and support services that respond to each family’s needs and circumstances;
- Ensure that children with special needs receive appropriate screening, referral and classroom supports;
- Ensure formal linkages and coordination with other programs in the State, local Head Start and ECEAP programs, and early intervention services;
- The systematic procedure for transitioning children.

A summary of EHS-CCP 2018-19 changes in approach is available on earlylearningwa.org

GS motioned to endorse the EHS CCP Continuation Application 2018-19 and that all questions were answered. JA seconded the motion. Motion passed.

11:00 DEL ECEAP Self-Assessment

Talena Dixon, Program Operations Director, provided an overview of the Department of Early Learning (DEL) Self-Assessment process.

11:10 Subgroups

Family sections of DEL ECEAP Self-Assessment – presented by Natalia Juarez (Family Engagement, Mental Health ERSEA Program Manager)

Health, Education and Admin sections of DEL ECEAP Self-Assessment – presented by Cheryl Polasek (Health, Nutrition and Safety Program Manager) and Nelly Mbajah (Program Services Director)

JA motioned that the ECEAP expansion 2018-19 as presented and that all questions were answered. DY seconded the motion. Motion passed.

12:00 Lunch

12:30 The Impact of Early Adversity on Child Development: A Mental Wellness Presentation

Kristin Wells and Nicole Johansen (Mental Health Consultants, Early Learning) reviewed the different kinds of stresses: positive stress, tolerable stress and toxic stress. As a group, we created norms and agreed to stay engaged, listen and be mindful of intent versus impact. We watched videos on how stress impacts brain development and talked about how the information covered means in our roles as parents and PC members.

2:00 Adjourn

Respectfully submitted by SH, Policy Council Secretary

Upcoming Meetings:

Leadership Team, June 5, 2018
10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Policy Council, June 19, 2018
10:00 am to 2:00 pm

ECEAP Co-Chair: _____

Head Start/Early Head Start Co-Chair: _____

(Policy Council Minutes are signed after approved at following month Policy Council Meeting when they have been approved as final)