



MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, December 13, 2007, 2:30-4:30P.M.

Cabrillo College ECE Department, Room 1508
6500 Soquel Ave, Aptos

Members Present: Maria Castro, Elizabeth Chavez, Sandy Davie, Larry Drury, Irene Freiberg, Christine Furlanic, Jean Gallagher-Heil, Wilma Gold, Linda Kishlansky, Katie Alma Martinez, Kathy Mello, Miche Mosher, Rob Mullen, Ellen Murtha, Ellen Ortiz, Jody Pemberton, Claudia Vestal, Ann Wise, Nicole Young

Excused Absences: Naomi Brauner, Barbara Griffin, Elaine Henning, Jim Hopper, LeBaron, Marilyn Moore, Tricia Pastor Cross, Wesley Van Camp.

Staff Present: Diane Oyler, Sita Moon and Carole Mulford.

Guests Speakers Present: Julie Olsen Edwards,

Members of the Public Present: Sandy Silver, Randa Solick, Barbara Best

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS

Meeting was called to order at 2:38 pm. Members and guests were welcomed and introduced themselves.

II. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

None

III. ESTABLISH QUORUM

Quorum was established.

IV. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER MEETING MINUTES

Minutes were approved. Motion: Maria Castro. Second: Claudia Vestal. Abstained: Larry Drury, Nicole Young, Irene Freiberg, Alma Martinez, Linda Kishlansky.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS

Wilma Gold shared information about an organization called TRUCE. (Teachers Resisting Unhealthy Children's Entertainment)) One of their activities provided a Toy Action Guide which is available to assist parents in choosing non-violent toys for their children.

Julie Olsen-Edwards described Proposition 92 that will have an impact on funding for community colleges. Most of the media publicity has not been supportive of this proposition. Julie asked that we become aware of Prop. 92 which if passed would help stabilize funding for the community college systems. Julie will advocate in favor of this proposition.



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Alma Martinez announced she has applications for the First 5 SEEDS class at Cabrillo College. This session will include an Infant/Toddler class. Due date for applications has been extended to December 21, 2007.

- VI. LETTERS OF SUPPORT- The Council will consider letters of support that have been requested and take action.

None were received. Wilma reminded the group about the procedures to follow when a letter of support is requested.

- VII. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Wilma announced that it is time to update/design our CCPC brochure. Linda Kishlansky, Maria Castro and Jean Gallagher-Heil expressed interest in participating on a committee to work on the brochure.

The CCPC still has 2 vacancies for parent representatives. Members are encouraged to help recruit parents to fill these consumer slots.

- VIII. STAFF REPORT

Diane Oyler reported the Child Development Programs current staff transition has been going well. Diane recognized Carole's efforts to ensure a smooth transition. CDP's team work has resulted in the ability to meet all responsibilities. Diane looks forward to getting more involved with the advocacy and local policy activities.

Carole announced that Citibank had previously given CDRC a mini grant of \$10,000 for the Raising a Reader Program. Citibank recently increased the grant for an additional \$10,000 which will be used to serve Walnut Avenue Women's Center, Davenport Resource Center and San Lorenzo Valley families.

Carole mentioned that the 2007 Rand Study results on the benefits of quality preschool have been published. It is available to read via the CCPC website.

Sita Moon reported on the current progress of the STARS Program. The county-wide training on DRDP-R held on November 17, 2007 was attended by 115 participants from state funded programs. The training was provided by WestEd and the trainers received high accolades based on the participant surveys. The attendees are currently completing their follow up activities and preparing to submit their applications for financial awards due by December 17.



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Support to participants on Option 2 of STARS is ongoing. Sita offered to meet with program directors at their sites to ensure staffs take full advantage of the activities offered by this option.

IX. COMMITTEE ORAL REPORTS

a) AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS CONSORTIUM

Nicole Young reported on last month's meeting. The previously arranged presentation from Mariposa's Art will be rescheduled. The committee is looking at topics such as providing art activities and other enrichment programs for the after-school clients. Carole described the possibility of requesting funds from the Packard Foundation to support staffing this consortium in the future.

b) SUBSIDIZED PROGRAMS CONSORTIUM

Ellen Ortiz reported that this committee met in November. Ellen was hoping to distribute the new Central Eligibility Brochures (CEL) brochures, however there was an unexpected delay at the printers. She will give them out at the next meeting. The committee discussed strategies for completing their contracts at the end of the year. By coordinating with other agencies, directors can help each other meet their contract requirements and ensure that money is not being returned to CDE. Ellen encouraged everyone to attend the January SPC meeting, to help members coordinate their spring enrollment efforts. She reminded the group that agencies are required to enroll from the CEL. Wesley Van Camp would like to see a presentation at a CCPC meeting describing the different types of subsidized funding, possibly in the spring.

There is a new eligibility scale available on the CDD website, setting the new family income levels.

c) MASTER PLAN COMMITTEE

Sandy Davie reported for the Master Plan Committee. The next Master Plan input session will be Jan 25, 2008. It will be a breakfast meeting for alumni and friends to look at the updated plan.

d) POLICY AND LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

Carole reported on PLP Committee. Carole and Diane introduced the 2007 Child Care Portfolio which was just released on December 12th. They were distributed at the meeting along with the Santa Cruz County Pages. This document can now be



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used for advocacy and media attention focused on services for infants and toddlers, children and their families.

The Santa Cruz County pages tell the stories of real people in our area and vividly describe their needs. This message can be an effective tool for reaching elected officials in our advocacy efforts.

Preschool for All stakeholders will reconvene to meet with Michael Watkins. He plans to apply for a grant from the Packard Foundation to support a countywide preschool planning process.

X. PRESENTATION:

Julie Olsen-Edwards presented on the Rosemarie Greiner Memorial Peace Library at Cabrillo College, located in the ECE classroom 1508. She started with a story called Kids Need to Be Safe, which featured foster families. Julie described the rich history of the library, how it was developed and the criteria for book selection. A library card is available for people connected with Cabrillo College to check out books. The library operates completely by donations and volunteer efforts. A library brochure was distributed. Julie also described her vision for the library. A website for the Peace Library is being developed with links to an online database and curriculum planning at www.childpeacebooks.org. It will be available to the community in January 2008. The council enjoyed perusing numerous books and an informative story time with Julie. For more information on the library contact: julieoe@gmail.com

The library was presented with a gift of books from the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom and Julie was recognized for all her work and dedication to the library.

PRESENTATION: Wilma Gold and Ellen Murtha presented on the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom. Wilma Gold, Ellen Murtha and Randa Solick talked about the activities of the Jane Addams Peace Association. They are looking for volunteers to read during peace story hours.

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jean Gallagher-Heil announced that the Cabrillo College Children's Center will be looking for a new director. The search will begin in the spring and the director will assume duties in the fall.



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Jody Pemberton announced that President Bush signed the Head Start Improvement Act. Head Start expects to begin planning for new services and improvements such as an expansion of Infant/Toddler services.

Michele Mosher announced that the California Mentor Teacher and Director Mentor program is recruiting new members. She can be contacted for further details.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 4:23 pm. Happy Winter Holidays to all.

Next meeting: Thursday, January 10, 2008, 2:30-4:30
COE Board Room