

MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, January 14, 2010
Santa Cruz County Office of Education
400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Members Present: Vicki Boriack, Naomi Brauner, Elizabeth Chavez, Irene Freiberg, Barbara Griffin, Jean Gallagher-Heil, Christina Herrera, Linda Kishlansky, Leticia Mendoza, Sita Moon, Rob Mullen, Ellen Murtha, Ellen Ortiz, Jerri Winner, Ann Wise, Nicole Young

Absent Members: Tricia Pastor-Cross, Larry Drury, Christine Furlanic, Elaine Henning, Erika Ismerio, Michele Mosher, Brian Sanford, Flora Zulli

Guests: Jim Hopper

Staff Present: Diane Oyler, Carole Mulford

- I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS
 - Introductions – New Council members Leticia Mendoza and Christine Herrera were introduced and the meeting came to order at 2:35 p.m.
- II. AGENDA REVIEW AND QUORUM CHECK
 - No changes were made to the agenda.
 - Quorum was established.
- III. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS
 - December minutes
 - Motion to accept the Consent Agenda made by Ann Wise and seconded by Ellen Murtha. Motion carried.
- IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS
 - Jim Hopper reported that Child Care Ventures received a Packard grant to provide technological assistance to providers to sustain, improve, and grow their businesses at no cost to them. Oversight agency is the Santa Cruz Credit Union.
 - Ellen Murtha announced that Child Care Ventures (CCV) is offering free tax assistance to low income families. CCV will also be distributing census materials and asked Council members to help in the distribution. Interested Council members are to contact Diane O. CDRC was asked to act as the agency to get materials out to all programs.
- V. OVERVIEW OF BROWN ACT AND PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT
 - Ellen O. gave a brief overview of the Brown Act and how it impacts Council meetings. The goal of the Brown Act is transparency and further discussion is needed on the subject before a policy is formed.
- VI. VOLUNTARY TEMPORARY TRANSFER OF FUNDS POLICY (VTTFP)
 - Diane O. gave a brief overview of how the VTTF came about. She then presented the proposed policy. Leticia M. recommended to change the word “expenditures” to “earned”. Ellen O. moved to approve the policy with the added change and it was seconded by Jean G. No abstentions.
- VII. CA EARLY LEARNING QUALITY IMPROVEMENT SYSTEM
 - It was agreed that Council members should keep abreast of issues being discussed at the state level since it will greatly impact the ECE field. Jean G. and Jim H. will fill out the advocacy issues template to develop the Council’s thinking as it relates to the ELQIS and will report back at the next Council meeting.

- Council members were reminded that the work is being done at the sub-committee level and everyone should try to attend some of them. Diane O. will make sure everyone gets a list of the meeting dates. More time will be allotted at the next Council meeting to discuss the ELQIS.

VIII. LOCAL FUNDING: MEETING WITH BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

- Some Council members met with Supervisor Neal Coonerty and Ellen Pirie. The goal was to establish relationships and inform the Supes of the importance of the child care years. The meetings were successful.
- The Supes were educated as to the part that child care plays in the safety net of children and that early care saves the community money in the long run.
- The funding Task Force is looking at ways community funding is allocated and will set priorities based on data and community input. They will present their findings in early February.
- The next round of meetings with the other Board of Supervisors is set for January 19 with John Leopold, Tony Campos, and Mark Stone. Those Council members who are interested in attending should see Diane O.
- Jean G. suggested that the Board of Supervisors be given a list of Council members that are in their jurisdiction. Diane O. will follow through.

IX. ASAP: TOGETHER FOR KINDERGARTEN FORUM

- Carol M. announced that she met with the Superintendents to inform them of the Forum that will be held on February 24th. Principals will be given \$100 for every site that attends the Forum. The money can be spent in any manner they see fit. The deadline to RSVP is February 1st.
- Attendees will sit in hubs made up of ECE people that feed into the school jurisdiction along with Kindergarten teachers, principals, and superintendents with the goal being to get as much involvement of the players as possible. The decisions made in each hub will be distributed to all principals and superintendents. They will be asked to meet a second time within their hubs to talk about where they are on the road to helping children and families transition to Kindergarten.
- One of the small group hub activities will be to discuss the Child Snapshot which will be piloted this year.
- Susan True will be asked to MC.

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Fliers for the upcoming CDRC Mandated Reporter Training workshop were distributed by Sita M.

XI. ADJOURNMENT OF MONTHLY MEETING

- Meeting was adjourned at 4:03 p.m.

Next Meeting: Thursday, February 11, 2010 at SCCOE, 400 Encinal St., Santa Cruz, CA from 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm.