



MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, February, 11, 2010
Santa Cruz County Office of Education
400 Encinal Street Santa Cruz, CA 95060

- I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS
 - Introductions were made and the meeting came to order at 2:38 p.m.
- II. AGENDA REVIEW AND QUORUM CHECK
 - No changes to the agenda
 - Quorum established
- III. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS
 - January minutes
 - Consent Agenda Items; standing committee and staff report, Jan. minutes

Motion to accept the Consent Agenda items was made by Ann W. and seconded by Larry D. Motion carried.
- IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS
 - No public comments.
- V. CHILD DEVELOPMENT POLICY INSTITUTE (CDPI) UPDATE
 - Larry D. gave an overview of the governor's proposed budget. There are proposed cuts in Calworks and money will be decreased in Stage 3.
 - Lose after school funding will be reduced.
 - COLA will be reduced.
 - Looking at First 5 for additional funds again. Planning Council will send a letter of support for First 5.
 - Current market rate is based on the market rate from 2005.
- VI. CITY OF SAN FRANCISCO: The True Cost of Child Care Report
 - Diane O. shared the report from the City of S.F. as to the true monthly cost of running a quality program. The data is similar for Santa Cruz County. Diane proposed we use the information as an advocacy tool at the meetings with the Board of Supervisors.
 - Information will be included in the packet at the next scheduled meetings with Tony Campos and John Leopold.
 - Diane O. suggested getting a grant to do our own study for Santa Cruz County. Perhaps the Council could collaborate with Child Care Ventures.

- An ad hoc committee composed of Naomi B. and Carol M. was appointed to explore the possibility of looking at questions to include in the Community Assessment Project survey as a way of receiving needed data. They will report back to the Council at the March meeting.

VII. LOCAL FUNDING: Task Force Recommendations and Visits

- Naomi B. presented the recommendations that were delivered by the task force with Board of Supervisors and staff. This past year was step 1 of 2 that will take another year to dig into data for community need which will lead to principles and priorities. Recommendations included open and competitive process for requesting funding. Open now but not competitive.
- John Leopold presented principles about how to make budget decisions this year. He emphasized the need to protect services in our community and to be responsible with money. The debate centers around unknowns: how much money will the county receive and what will happen with the community programs with that funding?
- The Council is making an impact on the Board and child care is on there minds. The visits to individual Board members were well received this year and they will continue. Naomi suggested institutionalizing the visits and turning it into a system. The Local Funding committee will evaluate the process and come up with a plan (how to choose and issue and know when we are done). Committee will report out at the March meeting.

VIII. ASAP PLAN: Together for Kindergarten Community Forum

- Carol M. presented an overview of the agenda for the Forum.
- Council members were asked to RSVP as soon as possible.
- Vicki B. presented an overview of the Snapshot that will be introduced at the Forum.
- Council members broke up into committees to work on the Forum.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Baskin Head Start Center will open March 1st with 34 preschoolers & 16 toddlers. Linda Orozco is the site supervisor.
- Flyers calling for CCECE workshop proposals were distributed.

X. ADJOURNMENT OF MONTHLY MEETING

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 8, at SCCOE, 400 Encinal St. Santa Cruz, CA from 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm.
