

ASI Children's Center Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Minutes

MEETING DATE: April 12, 2021 12 p.m.

MEETING LOCATION: Via Zoom

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sandra Gallardo, Sherry Velte, Mariah Dong, Danielle Cochrane, Haley Myers Dillon, Brook Murray, Courtney Patton, Lexi Hallum (Recorder)

VISITORS:

A. Call Meeting to Order

1. The meeting was called to order by Courtney Patton at 12:02 pm.

B. Review of March Minutes

1. The March Minutes were unanimously approved by the PAC members present.

C. Current Center Updates

1. Enrollment

- Enrollment is at 85 children for in-person services and an additional 7 children doing distance learning

2. Phase 2 of the Center's Building upgrades have started

- Phase 2 of building renovations is almost complete, and we will be starting Phase 3 this week
- The ASI Aquatic Center has been helping the Center moving items, dis/mounting, and packing classroom belongings
- Phase 4 will be the most difficult to do; it consists of moving the conference room, office, staff offices, and technology (printers, etc.)
 - The Center will update families about changes and where to call for office support
 - PAC members can view our upgrades by coordinating a short visit with Sherry Velte

3. Block Scheduling & Updated Hours

- The Center will continue with block scheduling for Fall
- The Center will begin opening at 7:30 am for Fall

4. Plan to Increase Enrollment

- Sherry Velte has been doing research on state, federal, and county guidelines regarding childcare
- Sacramento County has moved from the purple tier to the red tier for COVID, which means there is no more guidance on group size; the guidance says to keep group size small and spread out if you can
- Sherry Velte will be working on a plan to deliver to President Nelsen as students will begin registering for their Fall classes at the end of this month
 - The plan is to start increasing enrollment (opening classrooms, allowing infants, and expanding cohort sizes) by July 1, or earlier if eligible

5. Raising Quality Together (RQT) Self Validation due May

- The Center has been part of this program for years
- It is voluntary to participate, however if we hit certain goals, the Center will receive stipends

- Goals include things like teachers meeting their professional growth hours or families completing annual Ages & Stages paperwork

D. Open Discussion

1. There have been no COVID exposures in the Center up to now
 - The Center has been pushing vaccine information out to students
 - With spring, there are a lot of children with allergies (runny noses)
 2. ASI Elections
 - 9% of the student population voted; in comparison to other campus' 2% or 5% voting rate
 3. In discussion with campus for a Jump Start Program
 - The Center was approached by campus to collaborate on a federally funded program called Jump Start
 - The new CSU Chancellor is on the board for the Jump Start program
 - Sac State used to have this program a few years ago
 - President Nelsen would like to bring the program back:
 - Similar to the Fieldwork, students would enroll in a class and perform hours at the Center in the preschool program (Casa classrooms)
 - Students can be paid for their time, they may receive student loan reimbursement, and they may get a stipend once they graduate
 - Sac State is currently apply for the funding
 4. CARmencement – both graduating years (2020 &2021) will participate in this event;
 - This event will be during finals week on campus; staff will set up on Wednesday and Thursday, with Friday being one of the CARmencement ceremonies (we are still waiting on a schedule)
 - The route will end out at J street
 - The Center will make banners for graduating students to decorate route
 - The Center will have to connect with families about changes/route; it will impact drop-off and pick-up
 5. Parents & Families Program
 - The Parents & Families Program is working on making resources available to expecting student parents on campus
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Adjourned at 12:38 pm
Next Meeting: May 10, 2021