

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

MEETING DATE: October 2nd 12:00pm-1:00pm

MEETING LOCATION: Children's Center Conference Room

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sherry Velte, Jessica Bradsberry, Haley Myers Dillon, Saray Aguirre, Gabriela McCartney, Jazmyne Wright, Henry Gonzalez, Sophia Anaya

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dyanna Upshaw, Sandra Gallardo

VISITORS:

A. Call Meeting to Order & Review May Minutes

- The meeting was called to order by Jazmyne Wright at 12:06 pm
- The May Meeting Minutes were unanimously approved by all the PAC members present
- Unanimous vote for Jazmyne Wright as Chair

B. Current Center Updates

1. Staffing

- Largest turnover since 2020
- Not enough staff to begin Fall Semester
- Patience is key, we have a lot of newly hired staff

2. Hiring

- Hiring more staff to fill vacancies quicker
- Communication to students are on social media, school events, newsletters, marketing meetings

3. Enrollment

- **Children with Special Needs – 18-20% in the Casas**
 - The Center has always tracked the number of children with special needs and is an inclusive center
 - The state is wanting to save at least 10% of space for these children
 - Children with Special Needs in every classroom except Bambini 1
 - Exceeded the state requirement for Children with Special Needs

4. COVID Illnesses

- **Illness & Sick Children Protocols**
 - Many children were sent home early due to illness
 - 2 positive exposures since the school has started
 - No children/adults are allowed with consistent runny noses, persistent coughs, fevers, etc.
 - Only notifying those who have been exposed.

5. Funding – State Totaling \$2,070,304.00

- Combined subsidy contracts for subsidized child care
- ARPA funds are drying up

6. Audits for 23/24 – Must complete revision of Handbooks

- Implementing curriculum to help children and their specific development
- CDE has full authority of everything and every aspect can be highly inspected

7. Playground renovation

- PAC members are invited to attend 10/18/2023 6-9 pm for training and fist design on 10/19/2023 at 9-11am here at the Center.

- Outdoor playground turned to outdoor classroom is the way for the future children
- More greenery and nature involved play
- 8. Cal-Fire Grant –**
 - At this time we do not have any volunteers for grant writing, Sherry and Sandra will try to submit the application by 12/1/2023.
- 9. NAEYC**
 - Successful completion and accredited until 2026
- 10. Notice sent to state funded families on updated suspensions and expulsions.**
 - Emails were sent to families at the beginning of the week
- 11. More than Scribbles**
 - See website for photos
- 12. Harvest Festival 10/31**
 - No costumes
 - Families welcome
- 13. Diaper Program**
 - Ongoing distribution of sizes 4, 5, and 6 to Sacramento State students and staff/faculty
 - 8500 diapers distributed

Open Discussion

Adjourned at 1:02 pm
Next Meeting: November 6th, 2023