



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

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**MEETING DATE:** October 4, 2021 at 12 pm

**MEETING LOCATION:** Children's Center

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Sherry Velte, Sandra Gallardo, Faith Soltero, Theresa Gropp, Katie Swedo, Brook Murray, Lexi Hallum

**VISITORS:**

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### **A. Call Meeting to Order**

- The meeting was called to order by Sherry Velte at 12:04 pm

### **B. Introductions to PAC Council**

- The Council members present introduced themselves
- Sherry Velte reviewed the Scope of Council with PAC
- Katie Swedo nominated herself; Theresa Gropp, accepted the nomination. Faith Soltero and Brook Murray seconded. All present voting members voted to elect Katie Swedo unanimously.

### **C. Current Center Updates**

#### **1. Staffing**

- 88 Employees
  - 74 Student Staff
  - 14 Full-Time Staff
- Staffing can vary depending on the week

#### **2. Hiring**

- Sherry Velte is still working on hiring and placing new student staff into program
- Fridays are the most difficult days to cover

#### **3. Enrollment**

- 118 children
  - 81 receiving state-funded child care

#### **4. Current Operations**

- The Center is still running strict COVID procedures and guidelines
- Masks are still required indoor/outdoor regardless of vaccination status
- No visitors (guests, fieldwork students, observers) or families are allowed into the facility without an appointment or approval
- Non-vaccinated employees are tested weekly on-site

#### **5. COVID**

- One possible exposure in September 2021
  - Masks were worn at all times and the employee(s) were quarantined if they were exposed
- Employees are not allowed to work with any symptoms of illness
- COVID pay/leave ended at the end of September 2021

#### **6. Funding**

- California Department of Education (CDE) split the Center's child care contracts
  - CDE covers preschool (4 years of age) children

- California Department of Social Services (CDSS) covers infants, toddlers, kindergarten children
- End result will be 2 separate guidelines, consultants, and contract monitoring reviews
- CDE and EESD Contracts covering reimbursable expenses for 2021/2022
- State funded child care is 100% covered for 2021/2022
- Stipends are to be expected
  - \$600.00 per child on state funds for November 2020
  - For our license: either \$6500 or \$11500

#### **7. NAEYC**

- National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)
- Evidence submitted for re-accreditation on 7/14/21 (420 pages)
- The Center should know around mid-October if the submission has been accepted
  - If it is accepted, the Center will move into a site visit stage

#### **8. Sacramento Raising Quality Together (RQT)**

- QRIS – Quality Rating Improvement System
  - Self-assessments for classroom quality
  - Voluntary to participate with RQT

#### **9. Staffing**

- In-person trainings with staff for Monday Night Meetings
  - Twice monthly (every other Monday)
- Teaching staff do individual meetings with each of their student staff to set goals

#### **10. Center Building Renovation**

- Almost complete; waiting for finishing touches
- It took 10 months to complete

#### **11. Egress and Sidewalk**

- Three-year project so far as campus is in charge of this renovation
- Area behind the Center in the lot

#### **D. Open Discussion**

- More than just Scribbles
- Harvest Fun in October
- Future Budget

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Adjourned at 1:10 pm

Next Meeting: ~~November 1, 2021~~ November 8, 2021 via Zoom