

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

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**MEETING DATE:** December 5, 2022

**MEETING LOCATION:** Children's Center Conference Room

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Sherry Velte, Sandra Gallardo, Jessica Bradsberry, Haley Myers Dillon, Chelsea Owens, Rhiannon Borunda, Gabriela McCartney, Mari Ruiz, Lexi Hallum (recorder)

**VISITORS:**

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### A. Call Meeting to Order & Review November Minutes

- The meeting was called to order by Sherry Velte at 12:07 pm
- The November Meeting Minutes were unanimously approved by the PAC members present

### B. Current Center Updates

#### 1. Staffing

- Sundrina Yang is being promoted to a Fellowship Teacher position and is taking over Bambini 2
  - Sundrina Yang was a Student Supervisor and is graduating this semester; she will be official, full-time on January 3, 2023
- Mariah Russell, Head Teacher of Bambini 2, has begun her leave of absence

#### 2. Classroom

- Desired Results Developmental Profile (DRDP) – child assessments are done
- Parent Conferences are currently taking place

#### 3. Special Events

- The Family Luncheon was held on November 22, 2022 and was a success with many families in attendance
- Holiday Toy Drive (89 donated)
  - President Nelsen hosted a toy drive on December 2, 2022 where the Children's Center was the beneficiary
  - These toys will be offered to subsidy student parents, with the lowest income

#### 4. COVID-19

- There are between 3 – 6 students per week that are testing positive; there are still minimal exposures
  - The Center will continue to send out notifications to families/staff impacted

#### 5. Diaper Distributions

- Restocked for December on December 5, 2022 with sizes 3 – 6

#### 6. Funding

- The office staff are attending state webinars and submitting applications for 23/24 contract years
  - Unable to add additional funding to this current contract period
  - The Center is raising classroom capacities to allow for more children
  - The Center is working to re-open the La Casita 3 classroom

#### 7. December Staff Events

- There are two Teacher In-Service Days on December 19 and 20<sup>th</sup>

#### 8. Center Closures

- The Center is closed from Monday, December 19, 2022 to Tuesday, January 2, 2023

## Open Discussion

### 1. Playgrounds – 3 consulting companies

Sherry Velte took the PAC members on a field trip to the Casa play yard to show the concept of the renovations. The idea is to have more of a “reshaping of the earth” as opposed to just a renovation. Instead of a playground, it will be an outdoor classroom.

- Nature Explorer
- Natural Playgrounds Company
- Bienenstock Natural Playground

Sherry Velte showed three different consulting companies (listed above).  
This project will take about 2 years to complete.

### 2. Haley Myers Dillon made an announcement regarding the Parents and Families Program.

They have been awarded second CCAMPIS grant to help pay for student parent’s child care tuition. It will launch in January 2023. There are a few changes regarding this grant;

- Eligibility requirements (ex., single parents have priority)
- Funding is limited; the grant can provide \$500/month per student parent
  - Funding works at the Children’s Center and KinderCare locations

### 3. Parents and Families Program is launching a new program, Student Parent Peer Navigators; staff will provide action oriented meetings on parent paperwork on campus (ex. financial aid questions, etc.). This will be launching in January 2023.

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Adjourned at 12:55 pm

Next Meeting: Monday, February 6, 2023