



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

MEETING DATE: December 2, 2019 12 p.m.

MEETING LOCATION: ASI Children's Center Conference Room

MEMBERS PRESENT: Nicole Bruns (Chair Person), Sandra Gallardo, Sherry Velte, Haley Myers Dillon, Leena Abed, Cierra Teicheira, Amy Jewett, Stephanie Segre-McCall, Lexi Hallum (Recorder)

A. Call Meeting to Order

- The meeting was called to order by Nicole Bruns at 12:04 pm

B. Review November Minutes

- The PAC unanimously approved the November Minutes

C. Current Center Updates

- **16 Currently enrolled student children were added to our State Subsidized Child Care- totaling 101 children!**
 - There are approximately 4 currently-enrolled families still waiting to receive certification
 - Priority for spring enrollment will go to subsidy-eligible families
- **Successful Family Luncheon- November 26**
 - A slightly smaller attendance than previous years; may be due to not hosting the event the year prior due to the center closures caused by fires
- **Semester ends on 12/13/19**
- **Update on the Garden Project- Nicole**
 - Nicole Bruns gave a brief update on the garden project:
 - Two suggestions regarding the rodent issue; 1) using "Critter Ridder" repellent to cover the garden beds. The down side to this method would be having to flush the veggies before they are harvested. It is also unclear the effects the oil would have on the children if they were to touch their faces/eyes. 2) placing a covered chicken wire under the garden beds and building a cover to put on top that can be latched on and off. This method is more expensive
 - On December 10th, Nicole Bruns will deliver a presentation for class and will get feedback from peers and other organizations on campus
 - Sherry Velte suggested doing one option per bed
 - Amy Jewett mentioned that Capitol Radio was currently doing the wire method on their gardens but it was not working
 - The Sustainability Program has a completely covered area and in addition, used CO2 bombs on their gardens; they do not have a rodent issue
 - Nicole Bruns gave the Casa teachers some seeds to start some veggies on the tower that was just installed
- **Holiday Dinner- 12/14**
 - The Core Staff of the Children's Center will have their Holiday Dinner on December 14
- **Update on Teacher Trainings by consultants on 12/16 & 12/17**
 - There are two mandatory training days for the teaching staff in December; Sherry Velte hired two separate consultants—one for each day. On the 16th, a consultant will go over information regarding a tool called Environmental Ratings (ERS). On the 17th, a

consultant will go over CLASS assessments (how we speak to children) and create (6) 15 minute trainings for teachers to give to students. Both trainings will help get the Center ready for national accreditation.

- **CCAMPIS- Hornet Family Study Care**
 - Haley Myers Dillon delivered a brief summary on the Hornet Family Study Care opportunities- Wednesday, December 4 from 6-9 pm, where dinner will be served, and Saturday, December 7, from 9 am – 3 pm, where breakfast and lunch will be served. These dates were chosen to help parents get ready for Finals Week.
 - Hornet Family Study Care will not continue next semester as they were not meeting attendance numbers
 - To continue to use the grant, CCAMPIS created a voucher program that targets student parents, who are pell-grant eligible, to assist with their child care fees. CCAMPIS can pay approximately 50% of the child care bill if the child is at a licensed child care facility.
- **ASI/Children's Center Website**
 - Operation's Manager, Nancy Lopez, and Lexi Hallum are on the website committee and currently in the process of updating information on the new website
- **Finals Week, Winter Intersession, & Spring Semester Enrollments taking place now**
 - A packet including schedules for Finals Week, Winter Intersession, and the 2020 Spring Semester was given to all currently-enrolled parents earlier this week. The packets help the Center determine how many openings there are in each classroom as they can see who is or is not coming back.
 - Teachers' recommendations and child age determines what children move up in classrooms
 - The challenge for Staff/Faculty families will be that priority will be given to student parents, regardless if they have a child currently enrolled and are awaiting a sibling to be added; any open state funds must go to the lowest income student(s) first
- **Campus Cookie Day- December 11, 2019**
 - The Children's Center staff can volunteer to make small cookies for the campus partners who have been supportive of the center

D. Discussion- Recommendations for child care rates for 2020 as minimum wage and compression wages are being implemented on 1/2/2020

- Every student who works at the Children's Center will be given an increased wage; minimum wage will go up one dollar, compression wages will receive 75 cents, then 50 cents, depending on job position
- It's been two years since the last staff/faculty child care rate increase
- Sandra Gallardo suggested charging staff/faculty full, at-market rate
- State subsidized fees cannot go to any non-subsidized family, so ASI has been paying the difference for any additional fees
- The PAC was encouraged to send any thoughts/ideas to Sherry Velte as she prepares the budget in February

E. Future Topics

F. Open Forum

Adjourned at 1:09 pm
There is no PAC meeting in January.