



Parent Meeting Minutes

Date: December 12, 2023

Attendance: See attendance sheet.

Time: Start: 12:03pm End: 12:53pm

Monthly Parent Meeting via WebEx:

Tabytha opens the meeting with explaining parent meetings ongoing moving to a larger scale. This is a way to connect and communicate with parents more effectively, and an opportunity for parents to share information. Tabytha also gave a brief intro to CenClear and the services we offer.

Sean Rockmore intro to Family Community Partnership and explained the Behavior Incident Report (BIR) and Tier levels used when evaluating a BIR with children in the classrooms. Sean explained evaluations are discussed at a team level with a goal of a successful plan in place with child, parent, classroom staff and any staff working one on one with the child.

Sean gave a few examples of how Family Community Partnership works and helps connect families with the community such as holiday gatherings in the community for families as well as toys for tots for any families in need. Partnerships with local CYS agencies, referrals, and services with families, housing agencies, (HUD) to assist with families.

Sean talked about mandating reporting with local CYS agencies. When reports are made, it is law based. Any individual who is a mandated reporter who does not report risk legal charges.

Sean explained that when a child makes a disclosure try to gather as much information as possible for reporting purposes using the minimal facts, as the investigative piece is done further at the child advocacy center. Minimal facts based on who, what, where and when. Children being deceitful will answer. Sean explained the goal is to remove CYS from families' homes. When CYS comes into a families' home it is important to work with them without any issues as it makes the process less time-consuming and things much easier when working together. CYS also helps families at times with finances such as utility bills and hotels when there is an eviction. The goal is to educate our parents on CYS services.

Sean mentioned the Child Abuse Prevention Carnivals that are held annually in April. The carnivals are held in three locations, DuBois, Philipsburg, and Matternville. DuBois is the first Saturday in April, Philipsburg is the second Saturday in April, and Matternville is the third Saturday in April.

The purpose is to prevent, stop, and eliminate child abuse. During the carnivals this is a great opportunity for parents to reach out and ask questions, gather information with different agencies who attend, and connect with other families.

Sean mentioned that any parents who may be interested in volunteering at any of the carnivals to please reach out to Tabytha and she will get the needed information to do so. Nancy Stratton, who was in the meeting, said she is interested in volunteering. Tabytha asked Nancy to email her and they would connect on what is needed.

Tiffany Ricotta introduced Early Intervention and Early Head Start services, our zero to three programs. Tiffany explained that CenClear is a part C provider, own team of Early Intervention providers. Early Intervention offers services in the homes with vision, hearing, as well as behavioral concerns. All services of which are state funded.

Taylor, a parent in the meeting, had a question regarding speech evaluations. Tiffany explained that a services coordinator will set a time to meet for an evaluation. Call Joan Carson, Tiffany provided the number, and Joan will make the referral to Services Access Management who will then reach out. Tiffany mentioned Early Head Start services if interested to let Joan know and she will make that referral as well. Once the assessment is completed results are reviewed with the team to plan the next course of action.

Tiffany explained that Early Intervention services can be done during Early Head Start visits, or separate. Services usually last one hour.

Tiffany stated that if any of the parents had any questions or wanted to reach out further that they may do so. She provided her phone number.

Tabytha stated that the application is coming up for the Federal programs Early Head Start and Head Start, applying for another five years of services.

Tabytha reviewed explained CenClear's Program Goals.

The first goal is children will show improvement in behavior emotions in the classroom. The classroom staff is trained in PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports) to help make this goal successful.

The second goal is children will form positive relationships with all.

The third goal is child showing improvement in Phonemical skills.

The fourth goal is numerical and mathematical skills.

The fifth goal is problem solving.

The sixth goal is motor skills.

Tabytha mentioned if any of the parents have been in the classroom, they may have noticed a schedule of play and modeling activities. Children are learning these skills throughout the day through the schedule of play and modeling activities.

Tabytha mentioned the Health and Nutrition Advisory Committee meeting scheduled for February 6th at 12pm. This is an opportunity for parents to join if they are interested as well as receive in-kind volunteer hours. The link will be shared on class dojo. Any parents may reach out in regards if they have interest.

Interviews are ongoing and parents may participate if interested. Parents may participate in person or via WebEx, documenting the interviews answers as well as discussion with staff after the interview regarding the candidate. Another great opportunity for parents to receive in-kind volunteer hours.

PBIS Leadership Team meetings, the next meeting is scheduled for December 20th at 10am. Parents interested may join, the link is shared thought class dojo. Again, another great opportunity for parents to receive in-kind volunteer hours, as well as learning more about PBIS.

Sean, updates on PBIS and classrooms continuing to be reviewed and observed. Plans and techniques for management of the classrooms. Team of 4 working with the parents and children. The team may consist of a PBIS coach, behavioral health consultant, teacher, and guardian of the child. Sean explained the goal with the tier levels is to increase and extinguish. Increase positive behavior and extinguish negative behavior. Some techniques used or suggested are verbal use "if and then" and "when and then" when directing the child, use child's first name as it is more direct in getting the child's full attention.

Children on tier 3 level, which Sean explained is a low percent, is more of an individualized plan. Trauma screens are used to put together a plan. Legal guardian will receive a copy of the plan as well. Fundamental Behavior Assessment, with PreK and Head Start, is completed and a plan is developed.

Sean explained that children do go up and down on the tier levels and that the goal is to bring the children down to the lowest level, if not off. Plans may still be in place for back u if necessary.

Data is collected and then a Quarterly Report card is shared on class dojo. The data specialist collects data from the classrooms and puts it into reports.

Tabytha shared her screen with parents during the meeting and explained the current report and information collected. Head Start, PreK and Early Head Start programs data shows 532 boys and 480 girls, out of that total 402 enrolled children are 5 years of age. Some other information collected in the report is languages, interpreters, and translators. Children with an IEP, 27% and IFSP 28%.

BIRS reported 831 total, most of which are occurring during circle time.

Assessments, social and emotional development.

EHS 3per school year, done in observations and can see where they score.

Tabytha asked the parents if they had any questions or concerns they would like to share. None at this time.

Tabytha explained when parents participate in the meetings each month this is helping meet the Non-Federal in-kind match. The Federal in-kind match for HS is 1.4 million and for EHS is 479 thousand. Some ways to contribute towards is completing the PG-11 in-kind form. The importance of meeting the match so that no programs are not cut, and we can continue to provide services to our families. PG-11' s will be sent out to those who participated in the meeting to complete and send back.

The next meeting will be sent out on class dojo. Any parents who have questions or concerns may reach out at any time.

Adjournment: 12:53pm.

Next Meeting: TBA

Respectfully submitted by Nikki Supenia