



Parent Meeting Minutes

Date: February 21, 2024

Attendance: See attendance sheet.

Time: Start: 9:03am End: 9:50pm

Monthly Parent Meeting via WebEx

Service Area Training: Disability Services, Tammy Walker

Tammy provided additional information on beginning of the year screenings. A speech screen is completed on every child at each center. This addresses any communication needs that may need to be evaluated. ASQ and ASQ-SE's are completed within the first 45 days of enrollment and the results may warrant further screens or evaluations.

Tammy discussed that when a child has testing or an evaluation an evaluation report is generated, and an ER (Evaluation Report) meeting is scheduled with the parents/guardians. If the child qualifies for services, they will get an Individualized Education Plan (IEP). Parents/guardians are involved in the IEP process.

Tammy encouraged parents to reach out to teachers if they have concerns regarding their children.

Tammy discussed the EITA Mobile App. This is a free app that offers family focused tools such as coping strategies, show to connect with your child, early signs of Autism, emergent talkers, etc.

Center Reports-Tabytha discussed that school pictures will be offered to all programs. These will be taken by volunteers and will be free to families.

Committee Updates

Health/Nutrition Advisory Committee-has been rescheduled to 3/12 from 11-12. This is being offered in person at Bigler or virtually using WebEx. Information will be shared on Class Dojo.

Interview/Personnel-ongoing.

PBIS Leadership Team-next meeting will be 2/21 at 10:00AM

Old Business

PBIS Updates-Tammy discussed what PBIS is, how it is utilized in the classroom, the pyramid model, and the behavior incident report team.

New Business

Dr. Seuss Literacy Nights-Tabytha discussed that flyers have been posted on Class Dojo. An event is scheduled for 3/7 at the Philipsburg and Houtzdale preschool centers from 5-6:15; 3/11 at CPI and Matternville preschool centers, same time; and 3/14 at Penn Grampian and Dubois preschool centers, same time. There will be several activities and games, reading, meet and greet with Dr. Seuss costume characters, bingo for books, light refreshments, and a ton of books to give away.

Pregnant Women Services/Vision & Hearing Screenings-Cindy Wick discussed the new vision machine, SPOT, which takes a picture of the eye and can tell if there are concerns. This machine cannot be used on children under 6 months of age. Head Start children are screened in their classroom by the Health Case Managers. Early Head Start children are screened in their home within 45 days of enrollment by their Home Visitor.

Cindy discussed that pregnant women services are offered. She works with them individually as well as a Home Visitor to ensure they receive all the necessary care and resources. She discussed a variety of services that are offered. Cindy discussed two books from Johnson & Johnson that she utilizes-What to Expect When Having a Baby and What to Expect When Your Child Is Sick. These are very easy to read books with large print and pictures.

Adjournment: 9:50am.

Next Meeting: TBA

Respectfully submitted by Tabytha Carr