



Parent Meeting Minutes

Date: January 29, 2024

Attendance: See attendance sheet.

Time: Start: 12:00pm End: 12:50pm

Monthly Parent Meeting via WebEx

Service Area Training: Health/Nutrition Topics with Adrienne Hess

Adrienne provided updates to the Covid 19 policy. For staff and students who test positive, there is a 5-day quarantine and additional 5-day masking. Staff and children are not required to produce a negative test result prior to returning. There is no guidance on exposure.

RSV cases are high right now. Adrienne provided education on what RSV is, how it's contracted/spread and what the symptoms are.

Adrienne reminded parents that it is a requirement to have immunization records on file prior to a child starting class or having a plan in place to catch the child up with out-of-date immunizations.

She explained that we are working with Geisinger Dental to offer free dental exams to all our classrooms.

She provided a few safety updates: AED machines have been installed in all our preschool centers; staff have been trained on how to use these machines for both adult and children. Seizure training will be offered to all staff in the summer. Maintenance finished up the quarterly safety checklists looking at buildings, parking lots, playgrounds, etc. and all were very good.

Adrienne talked about the partnership between Nutrition Links and upcoming education workshops. Information was posted on Class Dojo to sign up.

Committee Updates

Health/Nutrition Advisory Committee-2/6 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. A few interviews tomorrow, Wednesday and Thursday. Parents are to reach out if they are interested in helping.

PBIS Leadership Team-next meeting will be 2/5 at 3:00PM

Old Business

PBIS Updates-no updates provided.

New Business

Snow Many Ways to be Healthy PE Event-Tabytha discussed that flyers have been posted on Class Dojo. An event is scheduled for 2/7 at Dubois from 6-7 and a second event is scheduled for 2/8 at Matternville 6-7. She provided an update on activities that will be available, that Nutrition Links will be at the Dubois event and that Pamela Boyce Simms from Singularity Botanicals will be present at both events with samplings of herbs and tinctures.

Singularity Botanicals-Pamela Boys Simms offered an Herbal Wellness training on 1/22

Early Head Start socializations-Ashley Cali discussed that socializations are to be offered twice a month. Parents can attend any socialization, there is a calendar with all the scheduled dates. Pamela Boyce Simms has been attending socializations and educating families on CAM (complimentary alternative medicine). Home Based Service Program, Family Centers, which is for prenatal to 5 years of age partner with Early Head Start staff for socializations.

Early Head Start Virtual Visit Policy-Ashley Cali reviewed the policy and that when you have a visit scheduled and there is a weather cancellation a virtual visit can be offered. It must be 30 minutes in length but can be over the phone or a virtual platform such as Zoom or WebEx. She also stated if the family has a contagious illness a virtual visit can be offered. Discussion was had about when a family cannot complete a virtual visit staff will work with the family to make up that visit. Ashley further explained that Early Head Start families must be seen within 30 days to remain in compliance with the program.

Branding and Marketing-Jake Ross discussed that he oversees Public Relations, flier's social media blasts. Discussion was had by parents on ways to spread the work. A few suggestions: Use Instagram, Twitter, Tik Tok; target doctor offices especially Geisinger since they are a partner, posting action shots instead of stock photos; share photos of events being held at CenClear.

Tabytha discussed that we are still offering the parent incentive. Parents are our best recruiters. We are still accepting applications for the 23-24 school year as well as the 24-25 school year. Tabytha discussed returners, that acceptance letters will go out in April for next year.

FEI (Full Enrollment Initiative)-Tabytha discussed the Full Enrollment Initiative and that Federal Head Start requires us to reach 97% enrollment within 12 months and State Head Start requires us to reach 90% full enrollment. We are around 93% enrolled for Federal Head Start and 97% enrolled for State Head Start.

Adjournment: 12:50pm.

Next Meeting: TBA

Respectfully submitted by Tabytha Carr