



Parent Meeting Minutes

Date: October 30, 2023

Attendance: See attendance sheet.

Time: 4:00pm-4:47pm

Monthly Parent Meeting via WebEx:

Tabytha explained monthly parent meetings and the new approach of meeting with parents each month via WebEx. This is a way to connect and communicate with parents more effectively.

Enrollment and Eligibility

Tabytha explained eligibility. Head Start, Early Head Start, and HSSAP-State Funded Head Start. She explained that up to 10% of the enrolled children may be from families that exceed the poverty guidelines but who meet criteria the program has established for selecting such children and who would benefit from services. PreK eligibility is based on income and cannot exceed 300% of the poverty guidelines.

Recruitment Incentive

Tabytha explained that 15 incentives were sent out to parents who referred eligible applicants from 9/18-10/18. They will be offering another parent incentive 11/1 through 12/31.

Parent Engagement Activities

Tabytha mentioned that the Policy Council is hosting three Fall Autumn Festivals happening in November. November 8 Matternville, November 15 Gampian, November 16 Bigler. All are 5:30-7.

Food, crafts, and games offered. No cost to parents.

Invites went out on class dojo. Parents can RSVP to their teachers, home visitors, and family services workers.

Reading Challenge

Tabytha discussed an Autumn Bingo reading challenge for Preschool and read an example of the bingo card to the parents, also was sharing on class dojo.

Data

Tabytha reviewed that there were 395 boys and 340 girls enrolled in preschool. 247 are 3 years of age, 423 are 4 years of age and 67 are 5 years of age. She also reviewed that 424 Behavior Incident Reports (BIRs) were submitted since August by 86 children. Physical aggression is the leading problem behavior and most BIRs happen during circle time.

Non-Federal In-Kind Match

Tabytha talked about non-federal match (in-kind) discussing that the Head Start match for this year is \$1.4 million dollars and Early Head Start match is \$475,000. She discussed the importance of volunteering and how that time equals a dollar amount which goes toward our non-federal match. She explained the importance of completing the PG-11 form.

Positive Behavioral Supports & Interventions (PBIS)

Sean Rockmore explained the 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.

Tabytha mentioned the PBIS backpack series. Children and teachers can work together. Each will be a special theme. The theme at this time is "How to Give Clear Directions." These are tools used in the classroom to help at home. Tabytha mentioned that several staff and a few parents are attending the PBIS forum in Hershey. This will be offered again next year. Any parents interested may inquire on signing up via class dojo, as well as any interest in signing up for the PBIS meetings.

Socializations and EHS Assessment Tool

Ashley Cali explained socializations are opportunities for parents and children to socialize and interact with each other.

A monthly calendar is sent out to parents with socializations information.

Parents may also share other community activities with their home visitors/teachers.

Ashley talked about the Can Do app. Parents can download and access their child's report. The app is family friendly and offers 90 different languages making it accessible for all families.

Ashley explained the gross motor 0-7 scale. The scale is based on movements as the child grows. For example, newborns scale at 0 until beginning to move their head around and roll over would be moving up the scale 0-2. Parents or staff new to the program have the option to do no rating. Ashley mentioned assessments and matching tools, staff working on getting parents connected to the Can Do app.

Tabytha gave parents the opportunity to express concerns and provide feedback before closing the meeting. No concerns expressed at this time.

Tabytha mentioned class dojo and communications between teachers and families and encouraged parents to continue to reach out at any time if there are questions or concerns.

Another parent meeting will be scheduled for November, as well as another Coordinator joining in for discussion as well. Meeting date and time will be announced on class dojo.

Tabytha encouraged parents to continue to complete the PG-11-In-Kind forms any time volunteering in their classrooms and or attending committee meetings. PG-11's will be sent out to all the parents who attended the October parent meeting to complete and send back to be counted as In-Kind.

Adjournment: 4:47pm

Next Meeting: November (TBD)

Respectfully submitted by Nikki Supenia