



Parent Meeting Minutes

Date: September 12, 2023

Attendance: See attendance sheet.

Time: 12:01pm-12:49pm

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.

Introduction to CenClear:

Tabytha briefly discussed CenClear, that we provide Mental Health, Substance Use Disorder, and Early Childhood services. Asked if parents had any questions and encouraged them to reach out if so.

Non-Federal In-Kind Match:

Tabytha explained to the parents the non-federal match for HS and EHS. HS \$1,415,775.00 and EHS \$479,135. Also explained, how parents volunteer time contributes as a dollar amount and how they may volunteer. Participating in interviews, joining the PBIS team and attending meetings, volunteering in the classrooms, reading events such as national read aloud, read across America, and field trips.

Parent Engagement Activities:

Tabytha talked about the Parent Engagement activities explaining that Policy Council funds are used to hold the activities and that Policy Council is heavily involved. Explained funding guidelines and incorporating activities with Parent Involvement is required for approval of use in funds.

Some of our previous events were Gather at the Garden and Bingo for Books

Tabytha asked the parents for ideas on future Parent Engagement activities to be presented to the Policy Council for the approval and of use of Policy Council funds. Some ideas for discussion made by the parents included the following: Bingo for Books, a silent auction, Preschool field day, celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday, and a fishing derby.

Clearances:

Tabytha explained the necessary clearances needed for volunteering in our classrooms. Any classroom in our CenClear centers requires the volunteer clearances the Child Abuse and State Police clearance. CenClear classrooms in a school district building require different clearances specifically based on the location. Tabytha encouraged parents who may be interested in obtaining their clearances and volunteering to send her a message and that she would email the proper paperwork needed.

Parent Concerns:

Class material, updates, and menus not coming out on Class DoJo. Tabytha will follow up accordingly.

Positive Behavior Interventions & Supports (PBIS) Training:

Christal Hayward, Child Development and Disabilities Coordinator, introduced herself to the parents and gave an intro on PBIS, what it means, Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports, the expectations “Be Safe, Be Kind Be Respectful”, and how it is implemented daily. Christal also explained that the parents could expect their children to hear this in the classrooms often throughout the year because of the importance of and helping children recognize feelings and what it means to be kind, respectful, and safe. Staff will be working on addressing throughout the year in the classrooms. Most public schools are also implementing PBIS as well, as the beginning of the school year may be challenging for some children.

Christal mentioned Kristine Royer, PBIS Advisor, who comes into our classrooms and works on PBIS with the children and staff, connects accordingly with the PBIS team on a plan of moving forward with a positive and improved outcome.

Christal also mentioned that the parents could look forward to PBIS topics coming out on Class DoJo as the teachers and staff will soon be sharing with the families.

While in discussion, a parent from DuBois preschool commented that she recognizes the use of PBIS in her son’s classroom as her son is now more cognizant of his sibling’s feelings and is more kind to them as well as being kinder to her, and more respectful.

Christal expressed the importance of parent connection with children.

Tabytha mentioned in reference to PBIS, the PBIS conference in Hershey can be offered again this year as it was last year. Also, mentioning that a parent in the meeting who is also a part of the Policy Council, Gabby, experienced this last year. Gabby shared her experience with the other parents in the meeting stating, she highly recommended anyone who had the opportunity to go, go to the conference. Gabby also mentioned she learned a lot of helpful information about PBIS and how to implement PBIS with your own children and other children. Gabby shared that she was very grateful to have gone.

Christal also mentioned that Gabby was on the PBIS leadership team and participated in the meetings as well. Christal encouraged parents to join and if they had any questions to reach out.

Socializations:

Taytha explained this agenda item would be discussed during the next parent meeting as Ashley Cali, who was explaining the topic unfortunately had been held up in another meeting at this time and was unable to attend the parent meeting.

Tabytha explained that the parent meetings will be held each month on different dates and different times. Those announcements will come out accordingly via Class DoJo.

Tabytha asked the parents if they had any questions or concerns before ending the meeting at 12:49pm. Parents had no additional questions or concerns. Tabytha explained that the parents may reach out at any time if any questions or concerns may arise.

Adjournment: 12:49pm

Next Meeting: October (TBD)

Respectfully submitted by Nikki Supenia