

Parent Meeting Agenda
April 20, 2026
Teams

Sign-In

Community Meeting

1. *How are you feeling? (Emotion)*
2. *What is your goal for today? (Future)*
3. *Who will you ask for help? (Support)*

Meeting Rules:

- Respect others' opinions and suggestions.
- Listen with an open mind.
- Allow participants the opportunity to speak and finish their thoughts.
- Begin/end meetings on time.
- Be attentive at the meeting (limit cell phone use, avoid "side-bar conversations", stay focused).

Welcome

Establishing Routines with Maria Waddell, Mental Health Consultant; **Family Community Partnership** with Mason Strouse, Family Community Partnership Director

Maria discussed building and establishing routines; what is a routine-actions regularly followed; why routines matter-to keep life from becoming overwhelming; building a routine-start small and things to consider; tip-balance-between healthy "order" and rigidity; tip-morning routines; tip-structured day for learning; tip-evenings; tip-bedtime-recommended hours of sleep for young children and adults; tip-unstructured time.

Mason discussed what Family Community Partnership is; why this work matters-when families are engaged it improves children's success; role of Family Service Workers; the family partnership process; strength-based approach; community partnerships; parent engagement and leadership; challenges families may face; and what success looks like

Center Reports-None

Board/Policy Council Updates-Both the Board and Policy Council had sessions with the federal reviewers. Positive comments were shared by the reviewers. Policy Council finalized details for the upcoming parent engagement event at Matternville and the volunteer recognition training dinner.

Committee Updates

Interview/Personnel-ongoing, encouraged parents to reach out if they were interested in being part of this group.

PBIS Leadership Team- encouraged parents to attend if they wanted to learn more or be involved in the PBIS implementation in classrooms and for home-based services.

Old Business

PBIS Updates-None

Volunteering-always seeking volunteers

Enrollment-we have started to build class lists for the 26-27 school year. Some centers and classrooms are full already. Continue to offer the \$100 parent incentive.

EHS updates-None

Review-Tabytha informed the group our federal review occurred last week. Reviewers met with senior leaders, directors, program staff, the board, policy council, parents, attended socializations, and visited our classrooms. They were happy with what they saw and did not report any findings. They will share their report with the Office of Head Start who will give us a final report.

New Business

Parent Engagement Event

- Beach Bash Parent Engagement Event will be held on May 16th at Matternville. RSVP was posted on Class Dojo. Will be making pizzas, decorating cookies, playing bingo for books, and will have a sensory and dance station.
- Volunteer Recognition Training Dinner-a survey was sent to all parents, guardians, and community members who volunteered this year to select a date and menu for the event. More information will be shared on Class Dojo once the details are finalized.
- Reading Challenge is running in April for preschool classrooms. Encouraged parents to participate to receive a free book.
- Tabytha discussed our SELF Assessment, what it is, how we use the information, and what information we may collect. As we begin to close out the program year, we will survey parents regarding their experience while enrolled in our Early Childhood programs. Encouraged parents to provide feedback. It was explained that survey results are reviewed and changes are made. Tabytha provided an example of the reading challenge survey last year and the changes that were made this year based on survey results.

Adjournment

Next meeting: 5/19/26 at 5:00PM