

Parent Meeting Agenda
January 20, 2026
Teams

Sign-In- see attendance sheet

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

Curriculum/Education with Christal Hayward, Preschool Education Director; **Child Development & Child Assessment** with Christal Hayward, Preschool Education Director & Courtney Gardner, Early Years Director

Power Struggles with Michael Henry, Mental Health Consultant

Christal introduced herself, her role, and that she has been at CenClear for 34 years. She discussed Creative Curriculum that is used in preschool classrooms-Teaching Strategies Gold (TSG). A committee was formed, curriculum's reviewed, and received approved by the Policy Council. TSG is a highly rated curriculum. It meets children where they are. Christal explained that our children will not bring worksheets or coloring pages home. TSG is a play-based model. During play, children are learning to regulate emotions, form healthy relationships with peers and adults, play with others, and are in a literacy enriched environment. Our strategies are embedded with Math all day. We use Hegarty, a phonemic awareness curriculum, supported and recommended by school districts. We have a social/emotional curriculum through TSG-Al's Pal's. Our curriculum is aligned with PA standards.

Christal discussed that it is often mentioned that we do not have consequences and cannot say "no". She highlighted that we are working to be proactive and safety is our number one priority. We use our curriculum with fidelity meaning we are using the curriculum as intended. Teachers met children where they are at, we work closely with school districts, and teachers review assessment results with parents throughout the year.

Tabytha explained that Courtney Gardner trained on the Early Head Start curriculum at the December meeting but if anyone was interested in learning more to reach out.

Courtney discussed that Early Head Start previously used Ounce as their assessment tool. Two years ago, the assessment was changed and we now use Cor. Cor stands for Child, Observation, Record. Staff watch, listen, and learn through play. This assessment is completed during home visits. Each home visitor meets with families once a week for 1.5 hours. We understand strengths of the child, track development, support learning and school readiness, and share progress. Children learn through playing, talking, moving, and exploring. No tests are administered, no pressure, natural learning. We look at play, explore, how the child is using words/sounds, move their body, show feelings, and solve simple problems. Daily moments matter. Courtney discussed how the assessment helps the child and how progress is shared.

Michael introduced himself and said that he has worked for CenClear for 27 years. He asked who typically gets in a power struggle. An individual looking to be in power. He discussed that individuals make threats to get children to comply with a directive. To help, we can offer 2 choices. Power struggles are frustrating and exhausting. Everyone loses. Power struggles can bring up questions about your parenting style. He provided a few scenarios of power struggles and how to provide choices. He encouraged parents to have a neutral tone, not sound angry or frustrated when giving choices, demonstrate what you want the child to do when they are younger and don't use words or can't use words. Michael will share a few key points from tonight's training on Class Dojo.

Center Reports-None

Board/Policy Council Updates-The board is working on staff retention, maintaining and hiring staff.

Policy Council approved bylaws and hosted a parent engagement event on Saturday, January 10th at our Houtzdale preschool center. We had 32 kids and 23 parents/guardians in attendance. Parents made pizzas, decorated cookies, participated in bingo for books, dance corner, sensory station, and received free diapers and wipes. Policy Council will hold an event in March in Hyde and an event in May in Matternville. Be watching Class Dojo for additional information. It was explained that parents can attend any parent engagement event regardless of whether it's their center. Time was given for parents to provide feedback on the events and that they could reach out anytime with ideas/suggestions.

Committee Updates

No updates

Interview/Personnel

PBIS Leadership Team

Old Business

PBIS Updates-none

Enrollment-seeking applications for all programs for the 25-26 school year. Began taking applications for the 26-27 school year on January 1st. Discussed the \$100 parent incentive.

Encouraged parents to refer family, friends, community members, etc.

EHS updates-None

Review-have not received any word on our review dates. Discussed what will be reviewed and what will be looked at: classroom visits, policies and procedures; ensuring we are enrolling eligible families; meeting with board and policy council members to ensure open communication; will want to meet with program families to discuss how CenClear shares resources, communications, etc. As we learn more information about review dates we will share.

New Business

Parent Engagement Event- discussed during policy council updates

Open Topics**Adjournment**

Next meeting: 2/23/26 at 5:00PM