

Parent Meeting Minutes
January 23, 2025
Bigler Board Room and Virtual

Meeting Start Time: 4:00PM
Meeting End Time: 5:00PM

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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

Introduction of the Family Community Partnership Director, Mason Strouse-Mason shared his background with participants and his role at CenClear.

Training-Child Development and Child Assessment with Christal Hayward, Child Development Director. Christal informed attendees that her focus would be on 3–5-year-olds. She stated we look at skills a child has at home, school, and in other settings. Assessments and screenings are completed on all children unless they have an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) in place, since they already have gone through screenings to get the IEP. Assessment information is also used for transitioning to kindergarten. The kindergarten transition process begins in January unless the child has an IEP then the transition process starts at the beginning of the year. School districts have given positive comments about growth they see with children enrolled in our programs. Our children are independent, problem solvers, good at making friends, etc. We are currently at our second assessment checkpoint. Teachers will be reaching out to review results, parents were encouraged to ask questions. Teachers complete Gold assessments in October, January and April. Once these are completed, parents receive a form reviewing the results. Child goals are based on assessment results and parents should be aware of these goals.

Amy provided some background information about Gold. A committee was formed which consisted of parents and staff to dig deep into curriculum options. The committee compared a variety of curriculums. Pennsylvania has a list of appropriate curriculums. Gold is the most popular type across the country. There is a parent app where parents can view progress.

Screenings are completed within 45 days of a child starting class. We use Heggarty for phonemic awareness. We do not send worksheets home; we want to ensure activities are developmentally appropriate and children learn best when doing hands on learning.

Center Reports

None

Committee Updates

Tabytha provided an explanation of each committee and how to get involved.

Interview/Personnel-ongoing

PBIS Leadership Team-The next PBIS Leadership meeting will be 2/3 from 3-4:00.

Old Business

PBIS Updates- None

Volunteering-Tabytha discussed that 2/5 is World Read Aloud day. Parents can get involved. Volunteer paperwork is required through CenClear and that each School District has its own paperwork and clearances that need completed in addition to CenClear's volunteer paperwork.

Policy Council Updates-Will begin to look at budget information. Planning Dr. Seuss literacy events for March. We had low participation for Nursery Rhyme family nights. No suggestions/comments provided on was to increase participation.

Enrollment-Tabytha discussed that we are still seeking children in all programs. Our parent incentive was discussed.

EHS updates-Tabytha discussed that we have a new Mental Health Consultant for Early Head Start, Melanie Kuhn. Parents can reach out to their home visitor to meet with Melanie if anyone in the family has mental health needs or anything around well-being. We still have two mental health consultants in the preschool division which continue to observe children in the classroom and connect with parents on ways to support challenging behaviors.

New Business

None

Adjournment

Next meeting: February 13, 2025 at 5:00PM