

**Parent Meeting Minutes  
November 21, 2024  
Bigler Board Room and Virtual**

Meeting Start Time: 5:00PM  
Meeting End Time: 6:00PM

Actual Meeting Start Time: 5:01PM  
Actual Meeting End Time: 6:04PM

**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).

**Training-Power Struggles, Michael Henry, Mental Health Consultant.** Michael discussed what a power struggle was, how it can make adults feel (frustrated, angry, enraged, etc.). He said that it's important to give children choices. He provided some examples. Children develop differently and have different personalities. It's age appropriate for a two-year-old to go through tantrums when they don't get what they want or when something is taken from them. Michael discussed ways parents can help their children at home with power struggles they may experience with friends at school. Role playing can be beneficial as well as staying solution focused. It's important to remember that children's language skills are developing at this age, and it can be difficult for them to express wants/needs.

Christal spoke about PBIS and how the "Be Safe, Be Kind, Be Respectful" expectation is implemented in classrooms and throughout Early Head Start.

**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 12/9 from 3-3:30. The Center Level Leadership meeting will occur 12/9 from 3:30-4:15. Parents were encouraged to attend. We are doing a hot drink bar and can provide babysitting if needed.

## **Old Business**

### **PBIS Updates-** Discussed during training

**Volunteering-**Tabytha discussed ways parents can get involved, what clearances and paperwork are required through CenClear and that each School District has its own paperwork and clearances that need completed in addition to CenClear's volunteer paperwork.

Tabytha spoke about CenClear's non-federal match and that each time they volunteer they provide a dollar amount in helping us reach our non-federal match. For the 24-25 school year Head Start needs about 1.5 million dollars in non-federal match and Early Head Start needs about \$500,000 in non-federal match. She discussed that this can be obtained through volunteering, donating items, donating space, etc.

**Enrollment-**Tabytha discussed that we are still seeking children in all programs. Our parent incentive was discussed. An update was provided regarding our enrollment plans. Federal programs need to reach 97% enrollment, and our State program (PreK) need to reach 90% enrollment. Early Head Start is currently at 98%, Head Start is at 93% and Pre-K is at 88%. We have made gains and continue to slowly add children to classrooms.

## **New Business**

Parent Engagement Event-Policy Council representatives approved to provide a Nursery Rhyme family night in December in Dubois, Penn Grampian, Houtzdale, Philipsburg, CPI, and Matternville. Looking for a venue in Dubois that is large enough to hold 100-125 people.

School Pictures-Policy Council approved to provide school pictures this year. Each child enrolled in an Early Childhood program will receive one free 4x6 photo. Families will be given the proof if they would like to order additional prints at the location of their choice and at their own cost.

World Nursey Rhyme Week- this week is world nursery rhyme week. This promotes early literacy skills and the importance of rhyming in children's development. Every day this week a popular nursery rhyme has been posted on class dojo. We hope that they are enjoying them and if they'd like to reach out.

## **Open Discussion**

Parents asked about the status of a bus driver for the Bald Eagle School District. Tabytha will connect with transportation to get an update. It was asked if we could connect with the school district to see if they would bus our children into class even if it's short term until we find a bus driver.

## **Adjournment**

**Next meeting:** 1/23/25 at 4:00PM