

Parent Meeting Agenda
October 27, 2025
Virtual

Sign-In

Start: 4:00PM

End: 4:59 PM

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

Training-Introduction of Directors and their specialties

Amy Wible, Tiffany Ricotta, Mason Strouse, Christal Hayward, Tammy Walker, Adrienne Hess, and Tabytha Car introduced themselves and briefly explained their role and what they oversee

Center Reports

Board/Policy Council Updates

At the Policy Council level Tabytha discussed that council representatives approved school pictures to be taken this year. Each child will receive a free 4x6 photo paid for by policy council. Families will be given the proof to take to a business of their choice to print at their cost.

Tabytha discussed policy council representatives are holding a meeting to begin planning parent engagement events. Tabytha asked for ideas/suggestions and encouraged parents to reach out.

Policy council representatives had their first meeting of the year last week and are hard at work preparing for the upcoming year.

At the board level Amy talked about the state budget not being passed and that our board of directors are providing us with a "loan" to continue to provide services without interruption. It was explained that other agencies have had to delay or close due to funds being unavailable. We are very fortunate we do not need to do this. Amy also discussed the budget impasse at the government level. Some agencies have been unable to start services. We are fortunate that our

grant period began in August, so our funds were approved and are coming through. Agencies who had budget approval in October are unable to run since the funds have not yet been approved.

Amy discussed that we are in a review year for our federal programs. With the budget impasse staff at the federal level are not working and unable to provide us with support during the review. Contractors complete the review process.

Committee Updates

Interview/Personnel-None

PBIS Leadership Team-Amy and Tabytha discussed that meetings occur twice a month, 10:00AM and 3:00PM. PBIS focuses on social and emotional growth for children. PBIS is preventative not focused on mental health diagnoses. PBIS is looking at a child development perspective. Encouraged parents to join. Information will be shared through Class Dojo.

Old Business

None

New Business

Tabytha encouraged parents to volunteer. A variety of volunteer opportunities were given. An explanation of the volunteer approval process for CenClear and school districts was provided. Tabytha discussed non-federal match (in-kind). As a federal grantee we are required to have 20% match. Head Start match is \$1.5 dollars and Early Head Start match is \$541,000. It was discussed that we can achieve this match through donated services, good, and volunteer time. Examples of each were provided along with the hourly rate that is given. Tabytha explained that each time they attend a parent meeting, volunteer in the classroom, or donate items this count towards in-kind. Parents will receive a PG-11 through email from Adobe Sign for their participation in tonight's meeting.

Tabytha discussed that we are seeking Head Start, Early Head Start, PreK, and Family Center applications. We continue to offer our parent incentive. We are on enrollment plans for federal and state programs. Federal programs are required to be at 97% enrolled and state programs are required to be at 90% enrolled. We are very close to these numbers when we count our drops. It was discussed that we are required to be fully enrolled and that we have 20 or 30 days, depending on program, to fill vacant slots. We can count our drops in our enrollment numbers for the month. It was discussed that word of mouth is our best recruitment strategy.

Tiffany talked about socializations, how they are run, and that food can be provided. Tiffany also talked about Early Intervention, the supports provided, and the referral process.

Tabytha discussed that a September reading challenge was offered to preschool children. Each child who participated received a free book. In November a reading challenge for Early Head Start and Family Centers will be offered. Our next preschool reading challenge will be in December. Information will be shared on Class Dojo.

Tabytha discussed our 5 year goals. These can be found on the CenClear website in the parent area.

Tabytha mentioned that parents may have seen in the news that WIC and SNAP are to be unavailable in November. We are working hard to share information and resources with our program families. The YMCA Backpack program and the CenClear food bank were discussed and information shared on Class Dojo. Mason is working on a list of food banks in each area.

Tabytha discussed the Clothing Closest located across from our administrative office in Bigler. This is a collaboration with CenClear and Diamondback. It's open to the community, with no income guidelines and there is clothing for all ages.

Amy asked if parents would be interested in canning, freezing, or cooking classes on a low-income budget. No feedback was provided.

Amy informed that group that we are recruiting employees. We are seeking bus drivers, bus aides, and classroom staff.

Adjournment

Next meeting: November TBD