



MEETING NOTES

Region 21 Family Council Meeting

Date & Time: 2/16/22, 6:00-7:30pm

Council Members present: Amber Elledge, Amy Cocuyo, Rose Arvieux, Stephanie Caudle, Emily Crowell, Ashley Scott, Karen Beach, Meridith Ruble, Mitch McClellan and Amber Elledge.

Council Members absent: Beth Ward, Lindsey Bridgewater, Serina Goff and Emmalee McPheron

6:00-6:10: Welcome/Icebreaker (10 minutes)

Facilitator(s): Chelsi Diles, Family and Community Engagement Specialist

Notes:

- Black History Month Icebreaker was completed.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

6:10-6:20: Recap of Child Care and CCAP Program Discussions (10 minutes)

Facilitator(s): Chelsi Diles, Family and Community Engagement Specialist

Notes:

- CCAP Focus Group with parents was held last week. Feedback was provided to the council.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

6:20-7:10: ISBE Funded Programs (50 minutes)

Facilitator(s): Chelsi Diles, Family and Community Engagement Specialist

Notes:

- Pre-K Program discussion ensued strengths and weaknesses of the programs.
- Strengths highlighted but not limited to free of cost to families, early intervention, helps with socialization and routines, brain development, developmental milestones, smooths transitions, stable schedule for all children, separating from parents, allowing parents to get back to work promoting economic development.



- Challenges highlighted but not limited to half day, not enough classrooms, no one person to go to for information in the county (it is individualized for each school), Child Find dates are not scheduled soon enough, parents not knowing who to ask for information, no shared information for families that don't have kids in school already (flyers go home with current students), lack of knowledge about program and expectations, lack of funding and slots, lack of staff and lack of transportation.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: ISBE Funded program conversation will continue at the next meeting.

7:10-7:25: Action Council Update (15 minutes)

Facilitator(s): Tonya Frehner, Regional Council Manager

Notes:

- Family Council was updated on the progress of the Action Council since the last meeting.
 - ✓ An oral update/brief review was given on the regional scan work.
 - ✓ Next meeting: Monday, February 25th.

Decisions made:

Next Steps: Regional Council Manager will continue to update the Family Council on the progress of the Action Council as well as the Regional Scan.

7:25-7:30: Next Steps- (5 minutes)

Facilitator: Chelsi Diles, Family and Community Engagement Specialist

Notes:

- Early Childhood Education and Care Workforce Continued

Decisions made:

Next Steps:

Next Meeting:

Date: March 16, 2023

Time: 6:00-7:30 pm

Follow-up/Next Steps:

- ISBE Funded program conversation will continue at the next meeting.
- The Regional Council Manager will continue to update the Family Council on the progress of the Action Council as well as the Regional Scan.