



MEETING NOTES

Region 9 Action Council Meeting

Location: 601 E Main Street. Suite 211. Mahomet, IL 61853

Date & Time: April 6th, 2023, 1:00pm-3:00pm

Council Members present: Nicole, Lynn, Rachel, Kim, Tyler, Jonathan, and Marguerite

Council Members absent: Donald, Ha Young, Brandi, Brenda, Kelly, Lily, Tonya

1:00pm-Welcome & Introductions & Review of Community Agreements and Meeting 8 Review (10 minutes)

Notes: No one had any questions.

1:10pm-Meeting Warm-Up Question: What qualities or qualifications are most important for the ECEC workforce? (10 minutes)

Notes: Members said that they want teachers who are willing to be a "forever learner."

Appropriate developmental practices are important. Education vs. Experience is something that should be looked at.

1:20pm-Workforce Data (30 minutes)

Notes: The information that was presented was not surprising to the council members.

There was a discussion about how we need some more diverse teachers in our community.

They also mentioned that Gateways credentials are sometimes a hinderance more than a help.

1:55pm-Group Discussion (25 minutes)

Notes: Council members discussed how teachers and parents need to work together in order to make children successful in school. They all agreed that we need more males in the field.

One member suggested that community members need to be invited to be on school boards.

2:20pm-Review Regional Scan Drafted Section (30 minutes)

Notes: Council members had time to read over the drafted sections.

Decisions made: They had no corrections for Caitlyn. They enjoy being able to be a part of the process and getting to see the work (scan) being done.

Next Steps: Caitlyn informed the council members that she is still working on a few more sections and they will be able to review them at the next meeting.

2:50-Meeting Wrap-Up, Who else do we need to hear from? (5 minutes)

Notes: Caitlyn informed the council that Region 9 is still looking to conduct interviews and focus groups with Dads, Foster Parents, and anyone else who wants to be a part of this process. Jackie informed the council that the Family Council is excited to review the drafted sections of the scan. We reminded the council of our virtual town hall meeting that will be taking place next week.