



MEETING NOTES

Region 4 Action Council Meeting

Location: Zoom

Date & Time: October 19, 2022, 12:00pm

Council Members present: Hillary Cook-Harris, Ester Lodge, Shannon Scheffel, Maurice West, Sue Wilson, Livia Bane, Kelly McNeal, and Lisa Coen
Council Members absent: N/A

12:00pm: Welcome Message & Introductions, including new staff member (10 minutes)

Notes:

- Livia Bane, Region 4 Council Manager, Kelly McNeal, Region 4 Family and Community Engagement specialist, Lisa Coen, Region 4 Administrative Support, Hillary Cook-Harris, RPS 205 EC Curriculum Director; Esther Lodge, Alignment Rockford-Ready to Learn Program Manager; Shannon Scheffel, Harlem Community Center Director; Maurice West, Illinois State Representative 67th District; Sue Wilson, First Step Daycare Director.

12:10pm: Review Established Community Agreement, Photo Release, and Selection Committee Process (20 minutes)

Notes:

- Photo Release link shared in chat with explanation of form and intended use.
- Selection Committee commitment and process discussion, seeking volunteers.

Decisions made: Three Selection Committee volunteers established.

Next Steps: Will follow up with subcommittee to review process of adding additional Action Council members. Goal of having new Council members seated by November 2022 meeting, including two Family Council members.

12:30pm: Commission Report and Funding Map Discussion (25 minutes)

Notes:

- Discuss findings within Commission Report and three key recommendations.

- Review IL EC Funding Map, depicting current system and navigation difficulties. Brainstorm how system could function by way of recommendations.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: Continue reading report findings on own time.

1:00pm: Demographics Overview and Slot Gap Discussion (60 minutes)

Notes:

- Review several crucial online asset maps and ECEC related databases.
- Question and answer around ECEC data resources.
- Ester Lodge explained recently released EDi data maps and how to interact with tool—Specific to Districts 205 and 122.
- Review demographic and slot gap questions.

Decisions made: ECEC Resources will be used to frame strengths and needs for region.

Next Steps: Council to further review ECEC data resources and provide feedback regarding demographics and regional needs ahead of next Council meeting.

Follow-up/Next Steps:

- Council will begin contemplating recommendations on who else's perspective is imperative to the discussion, data review, etc.
- Selection Committee will establish additional meeting date to learn process of seating new members. Committee will review potential candidates on own time, but ahead of November Council meeting.
- Email asset map locations, EC databases, and questions.
- Update calendar hold with new topics and tasks.
- Council members will be invited to regional office ribbon-cutting.

Next Meeting:

Date: November 16, 2022

Time: 12pm-2pm