



MEETING NOTES

Region 24 Family Council Meeting

Location: Hybrid: Zoom & 1304 Sunset Ave. Suite B, Yorkville, IL 60560

Date & Time: 1/10/23, 6:00pm to 8:00pm

Council Members present: Kennedy Sparks, Morelia Delgado, Patti Blahetka

Council Members absent: Shannon Meyer, Nicole Soloff

6:00pm-6:15pm: Introductions & Icebreakers (15 Minutes)

Notes: Everyone greeted each other with Hello's and Happy New Year salutations

Activity: State your name, the city and county you reside in and what was the highlight of your week or something you are looking forward to.

Morelia- Plano, Kendall County looking forward to taking down Christmas décor and plenty of time to put up spring decorations

Kennedy- Channahon, Grundy County the highlight of my week is I received a raise on my job and I'm looking forward to my next paycheck

Patti- Joliet, Kendall County I do not have a highlight of the week it hasn't been a great week but looking forward to our Family vacation to Florida

Mandy: Joliet, Will County Looking forward to seeing my children because they have been with their dad since the weekend

Kisha- Oswego, Kendall County looking forward to making the connections with the Action and Family Councils and glad to see the work going forth.

Mandy wrapped up this activity by thanking the parents for their commitment to the Family Council while maintaining their family contributions as well.

6:15pm-6:25pm: Review Community Agreements/Reminder of Foundational Trainings available

6:25pm-6:45pm: Team building Activity- Child Care Wish List (20 Minutes)

Notes: The Family council was asked to rank 11 items in order of importance to them if they had to choose a child care program for their children to attend. Listed below is the list of items that they were instructed to rank in order

- Curriculum
- Building
- Location
- Staff Education and background
- Affordability
- Reviews/Recommendations
- Hours of Operation Policies (discipline, sick, vacation)
- Flexibility (schedule)
- Atmosphere
- Staff/Child ratios (capacity in each classroom)
- Authentic

Decisions made: Family Council members were placed in a breakout room to discuss ranking the level of importance on the childcare wish list, the conversations noted as most important were ratios of children in room compared to teacher coverage, inexperienced or uneducated educators.

After their discussion, this was how they ranked the list:

- Affordability Staff/ child ratios Flexibility w/ policy
- Hours of Operation Staff background Reviews/recommendation
- The building, location, atmosphere, and curriculum are all grouped together, Family council members stated that they weren't concerned with curriculum as the children would eventually get it later.

Mandy followed up this activity asking why they chose to rank the items the way they did and what were the factors that drove them to their final decisions.

6:45pm-7:00pm: Regional Scan Overview/Information (15 mins)

Mandy gave an in-depth overview over each section of the Regional Scan explaining what each section entailed and answered questions that the council members had from the information given.

7:00pm-7:45pm: Demographics (45 mins)

Notes: We reviewed the region's demographics and answered the following questions after review of data presented from IECAM to gain the perspective of how this affects families in our region.

Questions:

1. How would you describe your community to someone who has never visited?
2. What stereotypes are you aware of about your community?
3. What data stands out to you?
4. How would you describe your community to someone who has never visited?
5. Can parents afford child care?

Highlights of council members perspectives:

The Federal Poverty level percentage for the region, the actual number of Hispanics compared to what the data states is believed to be incorrect, mass number of older white people moving to retirement states and younger generations migrating to our region, so we need resources for the younger generations. Increase in families moving from the city to suburbs such as our region and has caused this influx in childrearing families that need awareness to resources that are available in the region.

Next Steps: Discuss a plan of action at the next meeting for providing awareness of resources in the region to families and local community partners.

7:45pm-8:00pm: Family Council Logistics and Questions (15 Minutes)


Notes: Briefly went over the agenda, and logistics for next meeting

Next Steps: Agenda for next meeting will be sent via email

Next Meeting: Hybrid

Date: Tuesday January 24, 2023

Time: 6:00-8:00 pm



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