



MEETING NOTES

Region 4 Family Council Meeting

Location: via Zoom

Date & Time: 11.2.22, 6-8pm

Council Members present:

Attendees: Kelly McNeal (1 child), Livia Bane (3 children), Lisa Coen (1 child), Megan Schulz (3 children), Amber Merrimon (2 children), Teresa Fillers (2 children), Camie Richards (2 children, home daycare), Jessica Olmo (1 child), Ursula Sobottka (2 children), Trisha Brondyke (1 child), Jennifer Simms

6:00pm: Welcome & Introductions of Regional Council Manager & Staff (10 min)

Notes: Kelly McNeal (Lead). Introduce Region 4 team. Thank you to attendees for their time.

Decisions made:

Next Steps:

6:10pm: Ice Breaker & Introductions of Family Council Members (30 min)

Notes: Introductions and icebreaker. Attempting to make childcare more equitable and accessible. Family Council members will play an active role to that end. New initiative to gather information from parents and caregivers about what is needed in the region.

6:40pm: Establish Community Agreements (30 min)

Group Contract:

- Be mindful of time and different cultures.
- Stay open minded.
- Be respectful.
- Listen to each other.
- Be mindful of different parenting styles.
- Understand that everyone is doing their best
- Confidentiality
- Compassion
- Be aware of bias and perspectives.



Kelly reviewed Bto5 Mission and Vision.

- Family Voice
- Racial Equity
- Collective Impact

Notes: Funding explained. DCFS / IDHS/ ISBE (chart showing current model).

7:10pm: Discuss: Meeting Schedule, Location & Accommodations (20 min)

Group poll re: meeting preferences. 2nd Tuesday of each month.

7:30pm Discuss: Roles & Responsibilities of the Family Council (30 min)

Notes: Family Council contributions and brief discussion of CCR+R

- Gather info from their own communities
- Give Feedback
- Give insight into barriers faced
- Identify gaps
- Transfer of services processes
- Available resources
- Define what high quality care looks like.

Next Steps:

- Need stipend paperwork back by Nov. 9th.
- Remember to register for newsletter via www.bithtofiveil.com/region4

Next Meeting Date: December 13, 2022.

Time: 6pm-8pm.

Location: Via Zoom.