



## MEETING NOTES

### Region 35 Family Council Meeting

Location: Ottawa, IL

Date & Time: 03/28/2023, 5:00pm-6:58pm

Council Members present: Elissa Barker, Kelsie Hardy, Melissa Terry, David Trenor, Randi Paquette

Council Members absent: Chris Bickel, Steffanie Maxwell

#### **Verbal permission for recording**

Agreed to by all Council in attendance.

#### **5:00pm Welcome & Introductions (45min)**

Facilitator: Charlotte McWade

Notes: Ice Breaker – Life Experiences

#### **5:45pm Review of PowerPoint (40min)**

Notes:

- Defined local collaboration and parent engagement. Explained Regional Scan and future distribution. Family Council Member offered to assist with outreach at future networking events.
- There is no qualifying local collaboration in Region35 however there are many community advisories.
- Families have opted for less quality child care in order to be able to afford it or because it is free.
- Families have moved closer to relatives to choose safety over cost and quality as well as put off having additional children due to wages in comparison to child care costs.
- It is difficult to further your education and balance the cost of child care.
- There have been situations within the school where a child has missed school in order to translate for their parents to deliver or receive a message. Reports of incidents are most common within Individualized Education Program (IEP) meetings.



### **6:25pm Region Scan Review (26min)**

Notes:

- Discussed what information has been gathered to verify what is being put in the Regional Scan is agreed upon by Family Council members in attendance. All agreed.

### **6:51pm Wrap up and adjournment-Schedule Future meetings**

Notes:

- Watch email for upcoming dates on the next meetings. Shared information on the distribution of the Regional Scan.
- Provided time for Council to review and then explained we must all sign off.
- Charlotte advised she will be calling each member individually at a later date to verify if they wish to proceed with being on the Family Council.