



## MEETING NOTES

### Region 44 Family Council Meeting

Date & Time: 5/2/2023, 5:00-7:00pm

**Council Members present: Jamie Herron, Brittany Henricks Shannon Lampe, Ann Lindstrom.**

**Council Members absent: Alan Diaz, Thalia Ruiz-Garcia**

#### **5:00pm Welcome and Introductions & Ice Breaker Question (15 minutes)**

Notes: Members present participated in an ice breaker "If you were going to a cookout and had to bring something that started with the first letter of your first name, what would you bring? We had some great answers.

Decisions: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

#### **5:15pm Regional Needs Assessment Recap/Review: Demographics, Slot Gap, Collaborations, ECEC Workforce, Parent/Caregiver Voice Recap and Regional Scan Review (15 minutes)**

Notes: Council reviewed what was discussed at the last meeting regarding ECEC Landscape and Workforce for our region. This included the Slot Gap, Collaborations needed, ECEC Workforce, Parent/Caregiver Voice. Some items noted were the deficit in number of teachers, quiet quitting, low wages and high turnover. There was discussion of diversity and how our Region represents that manner. Asked members if they had any questions or comments from the last meeting.

Decisions: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

#### **5:30pm Regional Strengths/Needs: (30 minutes)**

Notes: Council members viewed a 20-minute clip of the documentary "No Small Matters." The Council members shared feelings and feedback after watching the clip.

Decisions: N/A

Next Steps: FACE staff researched how to access the full documentary and passed along that information to the council members.



## **6:00pm Break**

### **6:05 Regional Needs/Strengths Questions to Consider (30 mins)**

Notes: The Council members discussed the following Jamboard Questions

1. Overall, do families have access to the Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC) services and programs they need and want in this Region?
2. What strengths have your team identified from the regional data?
3. What strengths have your Council members identified from their own experiences?
4. What are the challenges facing the ECEC workforce in the Region?
5. What barriers do parents/caregivers face with accessing early childhood care and education in the Region?
6. Where are the other needs/opportunities for growth based on the data?
7. Where are the other needs/opportunities for growth your Council members have identified?

Decisions: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

### **6:35pm Check-Out and Share-Out (5 minutes)**

Notes:

1. FACE staff emailed Council members a thank you for their participation in the Council and a survey for feedback regarding the meetings.
2. Verda Dierzen is having a fundraising night at Rosati's to support the school on May 8<sup>th</sup>.

Decisions: N/A

Next Steps: Survey is due by end of May.

**Next meeting: 5/16/23 Hybrid Meeting**

**Save the date: 5/31/23 Council Appreciation Night**