



MEETING NOTES

Region 44 Family Council Meeting

Date & Time: 7/11/2023, 5:00-7:00pm

Council Members present: Brittany Henricks & Thalia Ruiz-Garcia

Council Members absent: Shannon Lampe, Ann Lindstrom

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

Notes: Council members present participated in the ice breaker question, "What is your favorite summertime activity. Council members were welcomed back from the short break of meetings.

Decisions: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

5:15pm June Recap, Council Updates and Celebration (15 minutes)

Notes: We had the council appreciation party on 5/31 and had a great turnout. The Early Childhood Regional Needs Assessment Dissemination has been postponed but will be coming out soon! The Region 44 team has also recorded a webinar regarding the Early Childhood Regional Needs Assessment. This short webinar will be on YouTube as well as our website as soon as the Early Childhood Regional Needs Assessment is released. We are excited to share all this with the public soon!

Decisions: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

5:30pm Regional Needs Assessment Plan (30 minutes)

Notes: The council discussed how to spread the word about the upcoming dissemination plan and how the council members can participate in the process. The Region 44 team has also recorded a webinar with PowerPoint slides explaining the Early Childhood Regional Needs Assessment. The Regional Council Manager briefly showed and summarized the PowerPoint webinar to the council members present.

The council discussed upcoming events in the community. These included Back to School Bash on Friday, July 28 from 4:00-7:00pm. Families must register for this McHenry area event. The Region 44 team will also have a table at the Woodstock Farmers Market on Tuesday, August 15 from 7:30am-1:00pm.



Decisions: N/A

Next Steps: The team will send the council members information about the above events. Everyone can also look for more information on our Region 44 Facebook page.

6:00 Family Council Membership Discussion (20 mins)

Notes: The council answered the following questions about the Family Council Meetings and all responses were added to a community Jamboard.

1. What is going well?
2. What could be better?
3. What did you like about being on the Family Council?
4. What do you hope to see in year 2?
5. What do you wish you knew in the beginning that you know now?
6. What are you excited about by doing this work on the Council?
7. Do you have any ideas for the Early Childhood Regional Needs Assessment Dissemination?

Decisions: N/A

Next Steps: Council members are welcome to share the interest forms for people to complete if interested in the Family Council.

6:20pm Check-Out and Share-Out (5 minutes)

Notes: Council reviewed upcoming events and encouraged council members to visit the events if they can. The Region 44 team will be joining the other 38 region staff at a conference in Bloomington the week of July 24 for three days.

Decisions: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

Next meeting: 8/8/23 5:00-7:00pm, Hybrid Meeting