



MEETING NOTES

Region 1-B-C Family Council Meeting

Location: Zoom Virtual Meeting

Date & Time: 12/13/2022 5:00-7:00 PM

Council Members Present: Marisa Covington, LaDonna Reynolds, Aisha Esquivel, Simone Gatlin, Kemi Robbin, Brenda Lopez & Tiara Magee

Council Members Absent: N/A

5:00 PM: Welcome & Introductions of Regional Council Manager & Staff (10 min)

Notes:

- Birth to Five Illinois: Region 1-B-C team introduced themselves and how they got involved in Early Childhood Education and Care.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

5:10 PM: Ice Breaker & Introductions of Family Council Members (30 min)

Notes:

- Family Council Members introduced themselves and discussed what are some plans with their families and children during the Holiday Season.
- Family Council Members will be spending time with family, ice skating, building snowmen, and playing in the snow.
- Family Council shared stories about how they got started in ECEC:
 - Discussed the different services that weren't available and still not and want to help share the resources they have.
 - Family Council Members want to learn and help inspire other mothers.
 - A lot of children are struggling with trauma.
 - Family Council Members want to start networking and being advocates for families.
 - Family Council Members want to learn more about Early Childhood Education and Care.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

5:40 PM: Establish Community Agreements (30 min)



Notes:

- Family Council Members came up with community agreements.

Decisions made: Family Council Members agreed to community agreements.

Next Steps: Community Agreements will be revisited before each meeting; Family Council Members can remove or add what they feel is necessary.

6:10 PM: Discuss: Meeting Schedule, Location & Accommodations (20 min)

Notes:

- Family Council Members are trying to come up with meeting dates and times that work best for their schedules.
- The meetings will stay virtual until the weather changes.
- Meetings will be on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays.

Decisions made: Meetings will be virtual until the weather changes.

Next Steps: Send out calendar invites for the upcoming meetings.

6:30 PM: Discuss: Roles & Responsibilities of the Family Council (30 min)

Notes: N/A

Decisions made: Family Council Agreed to Roles & Responsibilities

Next Steps: Plan for the next Family Council Meeting.

Follow-up/Next Steps:

- Family Council Members are trying to come up with meeting dates and times that work best for their schedules.
- The meetings will stay virtual until the weather changes.
- Meetings will be on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays.
- Follow-up emails and surveys will be sent after every Family Council meeting.
- Send out calendar invites for upcoming meetings.
- Send out a copy of the Community Agreements.

Next Meeting: January 19th, 5:00-7:00 PM

Location: Zoom Meeting

