



MEETING NOTES

Region 32 Family Council Meeting

Location: KCC, North Extension Building, 450 N. Kinzie, Bradley, IL

Date & Time: Monday, December 5, 2022, 5:30-7:00pm

Council Members present: Amber Bramer, Brenda Mohr, Laura Ziegler, Alison Chandler, Amy Kring, Sarah Gowler, Cheme Williams, Teage Drinnon, Ashley Chappell, Ali Denault, and Kasira Potts

Council Members absent: Jazmine Mancha, DeAnna Booker, Rene Leyva

5:30: Permission to Record

- Council Members agreed.

5:35: Welcome and Introductions of Regional Council Staff

- Kennilyn welcomed the Family Council and the Birth to Five, Region 32 team introduced themselves.
- Kennilyn explained the Parent/Caregiver Stipend that will be given quarterly.

5:40: Icebreaker and Introductions of Family Council Members

- Members introduced themselves and were asked to share and describe to the council a family photo on their phones.

5:55: Establish Community Agreements

- Kennilyn led Council in discussing a Community and Meeting Agreement.
- Ideas were given and written on the board.
- Agreements agreed upon: Participate, Respect each other, Listen to understand, Space with no judgment, Safe space for unity and community.

6:00: Introduction to Birth to Five Illinois and Roles and Responsibilities of Family Council

- Kennilyn talked about what Birth to Five Illinois is and the concentration on kindergarten readiness and racial equity.
- Liz mentioned that kindergarten is not mandated in Illinois so early childhood resources and availability is vital for a child's success.
- Kennilyn showcased the Birth to Five Illinois vision, mission, values, and goals.
 - Family Voice- what are our area needs
 - Racial Equity- break down the barriers

- Collective Impact- stakeholders, community, and personal stories to improve our area needs
- Birth to Five Illinois wants everyone's voices to be heard for the grant narrative.
- 39 regions, our is Kankakee and Iroquois counties
- Kennilyn emphasized the need for more Iroquois representation
- Members were asked to personally reflect and come back to the following questions: 1) What inspired you to join the family council? 2) What is your responsibility to the family council? and 3) What contribution do you hope to bring to the family council?
- The Family Council goals were explained, and members were asked to see if their answers correlated to the family council goals. Family Council Goals:
 - Make a difference
 - Share
 - Give
 - Advocate
- Family Council will be the personal piece to our data and narrative
- The Action Council was explained, and its goals were reviewed
- The regional scan and binders were explained and broken down by month/meeting
- Final report will be submitted in June

6:30:

Discuss: Meeting Schedule, Location & Accommodations

- Kennilyn explained how questions from the regional scan will be answered at the meetings.
- Preference was asked for dates/times of meetings.
- Decision to meet the second Monday of the month from 6:15-7:45 pm in person with the option of virtual for each meeting.

6:41:

Adjourn

Next Meeting

Date: January 9th, 2023

Time: 6:00-7:45pm

Location: KCC NEC and virtual