



MEETING NOTES

Region39 Family Council Meeting

Location: Birth to Five Illinois Office & Hybrid (Zoom)

Date & Time: December 6, 2022, 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Council Members present: Ashley Johnson, Sammantha Barrera & Chelsea Brown

Council Members absent: Terrence Taylor, Jeni Weisiger, Brianna Wade

5:30 PM Welcome, Introductions & Icebreaker

Notes: Introductions were done by Birth to Five staff and all Council Members. Ice breaker activity was done to identify how members were feeling before the meeting and why they joined the council.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

Start Time: 5:50 PM Introduction to Birth to Five Illinois & Council Purpose

Notes: The Birth to Five Illinois video was unable to be shared, so a link will be sent to members to view at their convenience. Introduced the Birth to Five Mission, Vision, Values & Goals and performed an activity that allowed members to pull out the most meaningful words from each statement, discuss why they found them meaningful and had an in-depth dialogue around each statement. Moved forward to discuss the importance of the Family Council's role. Also discussed was each member's "hat" that they wear as a parent/caregiver as they show up as a team member on this Council.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: Kista to include the link to the Birth to Five Illinois video in the follow-up email to members.



Start Time: 6:00 PM Community Agreements

Notes: Conducted a Jamboard activity for members to state what they needed to feel included, valued, safe & supported. An in-depth discussion was held to pull out the top 3 most important statements to create the Community Agreement.

Decisions made: Community Agreement was created

Next Steps: Community Agreement to be created and delivered to all Council members.

Start Time: 6:30 PM Paving the Way: Building the Road to School Ready for ALL Children

Notes: An in-depth conversation was conducted regarding the Council's dreams of Macon & Piatt counties being the #1 place to work, live and send their children to school. A Jamboard activity was held to discuss the landscape that would support that vision. An in-depth discussion was held about what each member had added from their perspective. Next, another Jamboard activity was done to discuss the potholes that are currently in place that prevent Macon & Piatt County families from having a smooth road experience to getting their children Kindergarten ready. An in-depth conversation was held regarding what each member had put as a pothole that is preventing children from being Kindergarten ready. (See Appendix A & B)

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

Start Time: 7:00 PM Questions & Comments

Notes: Council members are clear on everything discussed and their roles. No questions, comments, or concerns currently.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A



Start Time: 7:10 PM Reflection

Notes: Council Members had a moment to return to the activity at the beginning of the meeting and discuss how they were feeling now that the meeting is about to adjourn. Member's reflections were:

- I feel excited to be here and to be able to help others with my experiences and to be able to lift others up
- I am excited to be able to do this work to make a change for the children of Macon & Piatt counties
- I feel as though I am swinging in to be a part of the council that will help other families with the same things that I have struggled with

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

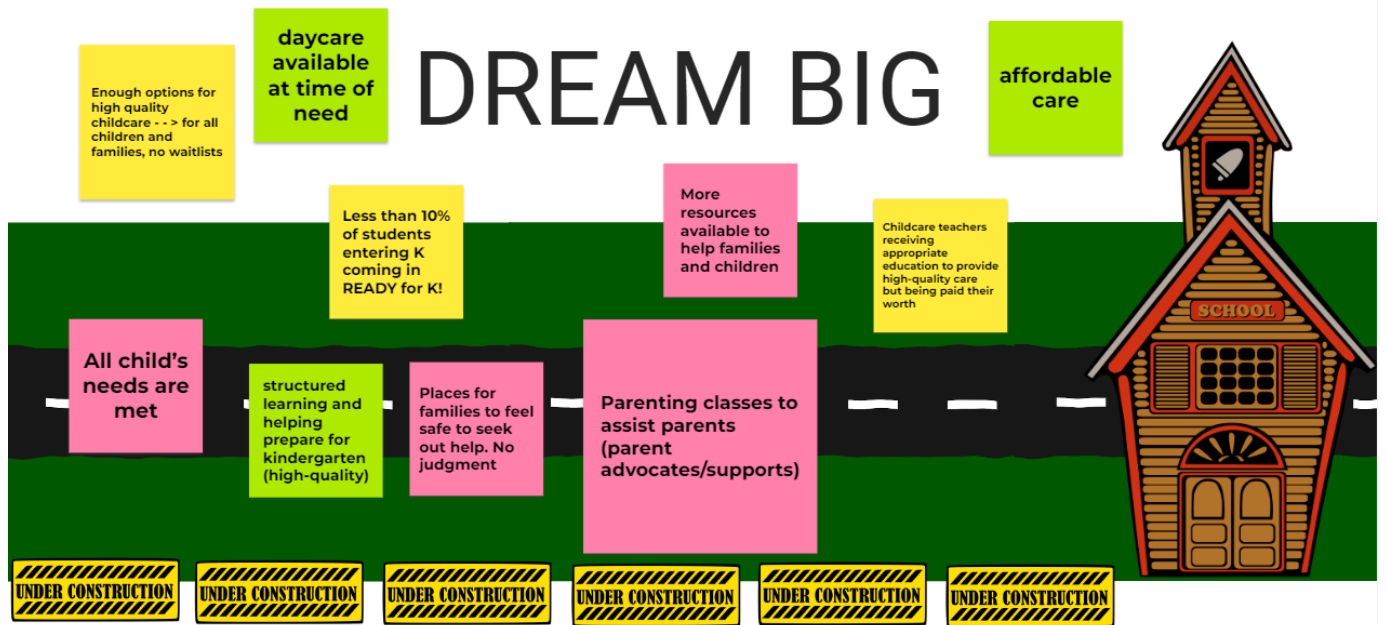
Start Time: 7:20 PM Future Meeting Schedule

Notes: Future meeting schedule was discussed.

Decisions made: The schedule of in-person/hybrid meetings on the 1st Wednesday of each month as cadence moving forward starting in January was accepted by the Council to be held from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM with another virtual meeting to be held the 3rd Wednesday of each month to discuss follow-up questions, comments, or concerns, as well as any ongoing topics that need further dialogue.

Next Steps: Kista to send out invitations for the next meetings.

Appendix A



Appendix B

