



AGENDA

Region 50 Family Council Meeting

Location: St. Clair County Regional Office of Education 1000 S. Illinois
St. Belleville, IL 62220

Date & Time: November 9, 2022, 6:00pm-8:00pm

- I. **Welcome & Introductions of Regional Council Manager & Staff (10 min)**
Facilitator(s): Stephanie Herling, Shameka Brown, & Tabitha Luczak

- II. **Ice Breaker & Introductions of Family Council Members (25 min)**
Please bring a family photo that reminds you why this work is important.
Facilitator(s): Shameka Brown
 - Family members shared a picture and their why behind participating in the Family Council
 - The family members found the following common threads: the need for more resources, all have a child with an IEP or 504 Plan, looking for a sense of community, and all have adjusted and made sacrifices for their family whether it is being a stay at home to be the caregiver or finding and or fighting for resources to assist children.

- III. **Discuss: Roles & Responsibilities of the Family Council (30 min)**
Facilitator(s): Shameka Brown
 - Family members answered: What do you think your role will look like? We will speak up and share experiences, give ideas about how to improve services, discuss what are families' needs, suggest how the Organizations/State might break down barriers, and give voice and face to those who are currently living these experiences.

- IV. **Break (5 minutes)**

- V. **Establish Community Agreements (30 min)**
Facilitator(s): Shameka Brown
 - Region 50 Staff shared that as part of creating agreements this space will be one where family members can feel comfortable sharing tough stories and moments.



- The council will create Community Agreements so that information will not be shared unless permission is given by family members.
- Family members discussed two agreements tonight.
 - Make sure everyone is given opportunities to speak
 - Always be respectful.
- They agreed to come back to these agreements at each meeting to reflect on if they need to add any more.

VI. Discuss: Meeting Schedule, Location & Accommodations (20 min)

Facilitator(s): Stephanie Herling, Shameka Brown

Materials: Calendars- Future Meeting Dates, Times & Location

- Family members discussed the need for evenings or weekends due to work schedules.
- Meeting dates were set with a predictable schedule.
- Family members feel a central meeting space in the county would be best.
- As family members were preparing to wrap the meeting up, they answered the following question.
 - What is one word to describe how you feel?
 - Family members felt:
 - Excited
 - Empowered
 - Welcomed
 - Heard
 - Able to make a difference.

Next Meeting:

December 1, 2022

6:00pm-8:00pm

Location to be determined