



REGION 8 FAMILY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

6:30 p.m. Nov 17, 2022, Stewart Centre Freeport

PRESENT: Brooke, Ashley, Jane. ZOOM: Casey, Lauren, c'Asia

Regional Council Manager Lou Ann Hayes called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and began with the introduction of Region 8 staff followed by Council members introducing themselves.

Lou Ann then gave a short PowerPoint presentation explaining the origin of Birth to Five, its mission and values, the area we cover, and data on the population in Region 8 under age 6 that is below the poverty level. She then explained data showing the extreme lack of childcare spots in Region 8. Lou Ann then explained to the members what the purpose of the Family Council will be, its goals, and the expectations of the members.

Family & Community Engagement Specialist Dean Wright then presented an overview of his role and explained the conduct policies we expect during meetings. He shared his view of what the Family Council goals will be and how to accomplish them.

Discussion followed with members of the Action Council expressing some of their concerns in Region 8 regarding childcare and the issues they face. Most spoke about the glaring need for child care spots in the region as some out in the rural areas have little to no child care opportunities there.

Dean asked members about meeting schedules and what works best for them as far as day and time. It was decided the next Family Council meeting would be 6:30 p.m. Dec. 15 in the same location.

Meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.

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