



## MEETING NOTES

### Region 9 Family Council Meeting

Date & Time: Tuesday, December 13, 2022, 12 pm – 2 pm

#### **Attendance:**

Council Members present in person: Stephanie Burnett, Aliaksandra Smolskaya

Council Members present virtually: Julie Duvall

Council Members absent: Rita Conerly, Stephanie Williams, Khadijah Visor

Presenting: Jackie Charles

Zoom Point Person: Caitlyn Scarbro

Notes and Tech: Samantha Copeland

#### **Welcome and Introductions: (30 minutes)**

Newest Member Aliaksandra Smolskaya

#### **Icebreaker (20 minutes)**

Q: "How do you define support?" Part 2

Set up:

1. Find a partner
2. Someone will share a current barrier they are facing with their current childcare situation.
3. One person will do their best to support their partner
4. Come back to the group for a share out.

A:

1. Share:  
Ludlow Township, 4 yo daughter in a preschool setting. She is advanced to 1st grade level academically and has a lack of engaging work for her.

Support:

IL '17 or '18 has accelerated placement with testing



2. Share:

Champaign Youngest 10 and is having trouble with CCRS. Applied two months ago.

Support:

Call or visit the office to inquire what is the holdup. It was noted that CCRS is legally required to respond in some form to applications within 14 days.

### **Review (20 minutes)**

- Community Agreements
- Role of Family Council
- Member Expectations
- Role of Action Council
- Training Opportunities

### **Discussion Questions: (30 minutes)**

Q: "What is meaningful Family Engagement?"

A: Finding the gaps, Different perspectives

Q: "What does it look like for the Family Council?"

A: How can we help the community?

Market as: new initiatives to overcome barriers to childhood education

Notes:

Q: Can Family Council be on Action Council?

A: No, the set up prohibits people from doing both but there is a place for a parent on the Action Council.



**Data: (15 minutes)**

Jackie Charles presented slides with Race and Ethnicity Chart and Federal Poverty level chart for Region 9 to begin the data discussion and introduction.

Notes:

Comments from Council

- Issues with older children with special needs and long waitlists
- Lack of financial compensation for staff and teachers
- Offering teachers training

**Future Meeting Times (10 minutes)**

Preferences voiced by members

- Saturdays
- Evenings
- No Mondays

Next Steps:

Samantha Copeland to send out poll for new meeting times.