



Family Council All Member Meeting

Family Council Members: Kennedy Sparks, Shannon Meyer, Patti Blahetka, Rolando Paramo, Omar Meza, Michelle Strom, Ebonie Simmons, Maribel Arellano, Olivia Nieves.

Date: October 10, 2023

Attendees

Council members present: Patti Blahetka, Kennedy Sparks, Omar Meza, Maribel Arellano, Olivia Nieves, Michelle Strom.

Council members absent: Shannon Meyer, Rolando Paramo, Ebonie Simmons.

Agenda

1. Introductions- Welcome and Ice Breaker.

Family Council members were welcomed back to the third meeting of Year 2 by participating in an Ice Breaker activity.

2. Group agreements.

The Group Agreements were reviewed by each Council Member and given the opportunity to discuss if the Agreements needed to be adjusted.

3. Parent Leadership Assessment Tool.

The Parent Leadership Assessment Tool was introduced to Family Council members. It was explained that this tool is to identify current leadership skills and skills they would like to develop further. A completion date was agreed upon by all Council members.

4. Review of Recommendations for Action Plans.

Family Council members were updated on which recommendations were decided upon for the Action Plans. The recommendations for the Action Plans are as follows:

- Build partnerships with the Region's local universities and community colleges to help create a pipeline of qualified Early Childhood Education and Care educators.
- Provide no-cost child care for teachers currently employed in Early Childhood Education and Care programs.

5. Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) Planning and SMART Goals.

We reviewed the planning phase of CQI and talked about creating SMART goals for our recommendations. Family Council members then were shown the SMART goals video created by Birth to Five Illinois' Data Team.

6. Next Steps.

The next steps are as follows:



- The link to access the Parent Leadership Assessment Tool will be sent to all Family Council members.
- Family Council members will complete the Assessment by our next meeting on November 2nd. Council members will contact us for support if needed.
- Family Council members were reminded our next meeting will be held on a Thursday, instead of Tuesday due to Halloween.

Next Meeting.

Thursday, November 2nd at 7:00pm on Zoom.