



Meeting Notes

Region 1-B-D Cook North Action Council Meeting

Location: Virtual

Date & Time: August 14th, 2023, 3:00 pm-5:00 pm

Action Council members present: Kristen Ford, Amy Cocorikis, John Ranieri, Susan Cerza, Lisa Merdinger, Tina Vanderwarker, Carrie Rafalski, Vikki Podlipni,

Action Council members absent: Olga Khamichonak, Agnieszka Moroni, Bettye Cohns, Clare Giuffrida, Kate Warach, Michele Ramsey, Casche Knox, Chris Tokarski, Peter J. Smith

3:00 pm: Welcome/ Review of Community Agreements/ Regional Updates (23 minutes)

Notes: Ilinca welcomed everyone and shared that today's focus will be on celebrating the work of the Action Council over the last year.

Ilinca shared the upcoming Community Feedback Sessions taking place on Thursday, August 17th via Zoom, August 22nd at the Palatine Library and August 28th at the Winnetka Library. She asked that the Action Council members help us with outreach and to invite us to speak about our report.

Ilinca provided what to expect going into the September meeting, that two parents will be moving from the Family Council to the Action Council and that we've been busy out in community recruiting and talking about our report. Ilinca asked for feedback on the Regional Needs Assessment and shared that a webinar recording of our Regional Needs Assessment will soon be available on YouTube.

Decision made: N/A

Next Steps: Ilinca will share the following resources via email:

- ISBE puts out funds for building renovations- share ISBE info
- Small Business source grant (IAFC flyer)

Facilitator: Ilinca Wallace

3:23 pm: Celebrating YOU! (37 minutes)



Activity 1: “Two truths and a lie about your work/role.”

Notes: Ilinca introduced the game. Welcomed everyone to participate so that participants could learn interesting facts about their roles and professional life.

Decision made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

Facilitator: Ilinca Wallace

4:00 pm: 10-minute Break

4:10 pm: Celebration continued... (30 minutes)

Notes: After the break Action Council members continued sharing about their role during Activity #1: “Two truths and a lie about your work/role.”

Decision made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

Facilitator: Ilinca Wallace

4:40 pm: Celebrating YOU! (15 minutes)

Activity 2: Answer the questions:

1. You cut me on a table, but I’m never eaten.
2. The building that has the most stories.
3. I can skip but can’t walk. I’d rather sing than talk.
4. I can jump but I have no legs.
5. I don’t mind a little weight.
6. I have lots of stars, but I’m not the sky. I’ll be sitting here quietly until you need me.
7. If you don’t spot the signs, then you might have an accident.
8. I have the most letters. Anyone can add more letters, but only one man can take letters away.
9. I greet every guest, but never say a word.
10. I used to be a tree, until I traded my roots for routes. I have a rose, but I’m not garden.
11. The countdown continues! Need to think about this clue? I’ll give you a minute.

Notes: Action Council members actively answered the questions.

Decision made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

Facilitator: Irene Di Minervino



4:56 pm: Questions/Comments/Reflections (4 minutes)

Notes: Ilinca proposed the date for the September meeting. Monday, September 18th from 3-5 pm. Everyone seems to agree with that date.

Decision made: N/A

Next Steps: Nina will send the calendar invite with the Zoom link for the September meeting.

Facilitator: Ilinca Wallace

Next Meeting: Monday, September 18th from 3 pm -5 pm