



Meeting Notes

Region 1-B-D Cook North Family Council Meeting

Location: Virtual or in person

Date & Time: August 30th, 2023, 3:00pm-5:00pm

Members Present: Julie Center, Charlotte Erickson, Arisbet Figueroa, Sharmishta Goel, Najma Nishat, Wendy Jo, Safiyyah Hassan, Nancy Salvador

Members Absent: Betty Williams

3:00pm: Welcome/ Review of Community Agreements/ Regional Updates (24 minutes)

Notes: Irene welcomed Family Council members and asked how they were doing. Irene invited members to answer the icebreaker question.

Icebreaker: What is your favorite Back to School memory as a child or as a parent?

Family Council members shared memories or favorite back-to-school traditions.

Irene introduced Jesse Rojo of Raising IL and Community Organizing & Family Issues, who will be joining the meeting to share about upcoming community forums where parents can share about their communities and support in improving existing statewide advocacy efforts.

Irene shared an event coming up at the end of [Let's Meet Retreat Tickets](#)

Decision made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

Facilitator(s): Irene Di Minervino

3:24pm: Jesse Rojo, Raising Illinois (21 minutes)

Notes: Jesse introduced himself and shared his work with COFI and Raising Illinois.

Jesse presented some of the family advocacy opportunities and invited parents to the "Community Conversation" event on September 26th at the Buehler YMCA from 5:00pm to 8:00pm and to join the two other virtual community conversations.

Decision made: N/A

Next Steps: Region 1-B-D will be joining the September meeting at Buehler YMCA

Facilitator(s): Irene Di Minervino



3:45 pm: Action Council update (15 minutes)

Notes: Ilinca shared that the Interest forms for the Action Council and Family Council are closed for year two and that the Council selection process started. Ilinca shared with Family Council members that Wendy Mamola and Nancy Salvador will be moving to the Action Council in year two and will be representing the family voice.

Further, she shared updates on the dissemination of the Regional Needs Assessments and the work on the addendum. Ilinca asked the parents to provide any feedback and to share the upcoming Community Feedback Sessions with others. There was an overview of all the community events attended and sharing flyers and information for upcoming events.

Decision made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

Facilitator: Ilinca Wallace

4:00 pm: 10-minute Break

4:10 pm: Planning for Year Two (45 minutes)

Notes: Irene introduced the year two objectives. Irene invited the Family Council members to share ideas about onboarding new members. Irene asked Family Council members a question: What leadership role can you take on in year two?

Onboarding ideas: Share a timeline of “how did we get here?”, the work that has been done so far, demonstrate live how to use Jamboard and Google Drive to access materials; have access to emailing team with questions and comments; share ideas of meeting with Family Council members occasionally in parks, libraries, or other spaces where there can be some time for connection; share with new members that this is a forum where family voice matters and we want to hear it.

Leadership roles: Family Council members shared ways in which they’d like to take leadership roles. Some ideas included: co-facilitating meetings, asking open-ended questions to support dialogues, and attending community events.



Attendance: Family Council members shared that they'd like to commit to attending the meetings regularly. Irene shared with members that we are committed to making the meetings accessible to all parents and we would like to hear feedback about how we can schedule the meetings based on availability.

Decision made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

Facilitator: Irene Di Minervino

4:55 pm: Questions/Comments/Reflections (5 minutes)

Notes: Irene informed Family Council that the September meeting will be hosted on Wednesday, September 20th at 3pm and asked everyone to join as we will be voting for new meeting times and dates for the upcoming year.

Decision made: N/A

Next Steps: Nina will send the calendar invite and zoom link for the September meeting.

Facilitator: Irene Di Minervino

Next Meeting: Wednesday, Sept 20th, from 3pm -5pm