



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: September 26, 2023

Attendees

Council members present: Shannon Meyer, Kennedy Sparks, Omar Meza, Ebonie Simmons, Maribel Arellano, Olivia Nieves

Council members absent: Patti Blahetka, Rolando Paramo, Michelle Strom

Agenda

1. Introductions: Meet and Greet Activity:

Family Council Members shared their family pictures and then participated in an introductory activity to get to know each other as we had three new Family Council Members join us. Everyone took turns talking about their families and sharing one interesting fact about themselves or their families.

2. Group agreements:

Group Agreements were reviewed by each Council Member and an explanation of why they are in place was given.

3. Addendum Highlights:

A few highlights from the Addendum were discussed with the Council Members. The highlights shared are as follows:

- There are six child care facilities in Grundy County not on any data systems.
- Morris School District has seen an influx of Spanish-speaking students, leading to a huge need for more Bilingual Paraprofessionals.
- Coal City School District has been collaborating with a local child care center to provide additional support to staff and students who attend both programs.

4. Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) Activity:

- A review of the Child Care Wish List Activity Council Members completed in January was given to update New Council Members on previous work. Council Members then participated in a CQI activity.
- Their task was to build a child care facility in Grundy County from the ground up. They had to work together to create a plan and figure out what steps would be needed to meet the goal. We discussed the findings of how this activity correlates



to CQI and a more in-depth explanation and examples of the CQI Model was given.

5. Action Plan Breakdown:

Action Plan logistics were given, Council Members gained an understanding of the timeline for completing the Action Plans and the next steps after completion.

6. Recommendations Selection:

Council Members were shown the recommendations from the Early Childhood Regional Needs Assessment. We discussed the difference between local-level recommendations and State-level recommendations. Council members shared their thoughts and preferences on which recommendations they would like to focus on.

7. Next Steps:

- Recommendations will be finalized with the Action Council.
- We will begin preparing for our next Council meeting.
- The Council Meeting Agenda for October through January will be finalized.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, October 10th at 7:00pm on Zoom