



Family Council All Member Meeting

Family Council Members

Date: Tuesday, September 12, 2023

Time: 6:00p to 7:30pm

Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Welcome to the Council!

Linda welcomed everyone to our first meeting of the second year and mentioned that we were expecting a few more folks but would go ahead and start the meeting on time. We have gathered all the information from last year into our Earl Childhood Regional Needs Assessment. An email was sent with a link to the survey as we gather feedback for our Addendum which is due at the beginning of October. Link to the report and survey were provided in the meeting chat.
3. Icebreaker

Linda asked everyone to share 3 things that “you can’t live without.” Among some answers were children, family, God, etc. Linda shared a video: [Parent Engagement Video - YouTube](#) and let parents reflect on the message and shared that all of you have a voice and you know what is best for your children’s needs. We are here to listen to your voices, and we want you to know that our presence is important and needed.
4. Group agreements

Akemi shared her screen to show our Group Agreements. Linda reviewed them with the Family Council and asked if anyone had any others to add, etc. No comments were made.
5. Family Council meetings
 - a. Meeting cadence: will be decided by councils.
 - b. Participation: highly encouraged to complete Action Plans
 - c. Absences: please let us know in advance, if possible, to follow up with you with updates

Linda explained that we would like everyone’s voice represented by way of participation and to kindly let us know if you can’t attend a meeting (meeting notes are uploaded to our website). Also explained that we will be getting divided into workgroups to work on our Region’s recommendations as Zena will explain shortly.
6. Orientation Guide

Linda briefly reviewed the Orientation Guide with the Family Council and pointed out key statements.



7. Parent Stipends

Linda mentioned that as part of being in our Family Council a small stipend is paid every quarter. Thank to those who have filled out our Stipend Agreement and we will be in touch with others who have yet to sign it to receive their first check.

8. Year 1 overview

Zena welcomed our new Family Council Member, Sarah Boden. Shared with the Family Council that in the first year/last year, we conducted focus groups, attended events, and interviews, talked to a wealth of people, met monthly with both Councils, and gathered all this information into our Early Childhood Regional Needs Assessment which was released in July 2023. Now, we are gathering feedback. Zena shared her screen and briefly showed and reviewed the Early Childhood Regional Needs Assessment with the Family Council and pointed out important highlights of the report (report and survey link provided in the chat). Shared with the Family Council that we had a joint meeting with both councils in the Spring of 2023 and we came up with these recommendations.

9. Year 2 work

- a. Addendum
- b. CQI
- c. Action Plan recommendations

Zena explained that we will be divided into 2/3 workgroups to work on the recommendation of your choice. We conducted a poll on the screen to have everyone vote for their top 2 recommendations and most Family Council Members voted for recommendations #3 and #5. In October, we will be holding 2/3 work meetings to begin the work on these. Zena mentioned that for now, our meetings will be virtual as it's easier for everyone in both councils.

Linda encouraged everyone to share their story by submitting it via our website (a link was provided in the chat). Thanked everyone for their time and participation.

Before the next meeting...

- Review our Early Childhood Regional Needs Assessment and submit the survey.