



## MEETING NOTES

### Region 44 Family Council Meeting

Date & Time: 8/7/2023, 5:00-7:00pm

**Council Members present: Thalia Ruiz-Garcia & Ann Lindstrom**

**Council Members absent: Brittany Henricks**

#### **5:00pm Welcome and Introductions & Ice Breaker Question (15 minutes)**

Notes: Council members present participated in the ice breaker which asked if your babysitter was from the last TV show you watched, who would it be.

Decisions: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

#### **5:15pm July Recap, Council Updates and Events Updates (15 minutes)**

Notes: The FACE staff reviewed what the Region Team has been up to the last couple of months and what community events we have attended. The Region 44 Team has been sharing information about our goals, mission, vision and how we are working to recruit new council members. The Family Council interest forms are available until August 20<sup>th</sup>.

Decisions: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

#### **5:30pm What's Next? The Early Childhood Regional Needs Assessment (15 minutes)**

Notes: The Regional Council Manager reviewed the Early Childhood Regional Needs Assessment Power Point with the council members present. There was an open discussion about the various elements.

Decisions: N/A

Next Steps: Private discussion is available if council members have further questions or concerns.

#### **5:45 Discussion: New Member Onboarding Ideas (20 mins)**

Notes: The Council discussed the below questions and added suggestions to the community Jamboard.



1. People who want to join the Family Council have to fill out an interest form and go through a selection process. What voices are missing from our current council that we should focus on choosing to serve on this year's Family Council?
2. What types of trainings do you think would benefit the new members?
3. Suggestions for the incoming members?
4. How can we welcome the new Family Council Members?

Decisions: N/A

Next Steps: Council members are welcome to share the interest forms for people to complete if interested in the Family Council. The deadline is August 20, 2023.

### **6:05pm Check-Out and Share-Out (5 minutes)**

Notes: We reviewed upcoming events and encouraged council members to visit the events if they can. We will be attending the following events coming up:

1. August 15, Woodstock Farmers Market 7:30am-1:00pm
2. August 17, Early Childhood Regional Needs Assessment in person Presentation at NISRA from 5:00-7:00pm (RSVP to [nbach@birthtofiveil.com](mailto:nbach@birthtofiveil.com))
3. September 9, Woodstock Farmers Market 7:30am-1:00pm
4. October 7, Marengo Settlers Days "Night on Mainstreet" 5:00-8:00pm
5. October 29, Bremer Team in McHenry "Trunk-or-Treat" at McHenry Outdoor Theater from 11:00am-2:00pm

Decisions: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

**Next meeting: 9/5/23 5:00-7:00pm, Hybrid Meeting**