



Combined Council Meeting

Family and Action Council Members

Date: November 20, 2023

Attendees

Council members present: Melissa Coleman, Jamie Schneider, Susan Kessler, Lynn Holm, Aimee Younker, Daphne Boley, Nicole Thiel, Abigail Gibson, Elizabeth Ingram, and Samantha Bush

Council members absent: Katrina Farris, Holly Houser, Tiffany Reed, Jenifer Bonawitt, Melissa Krieger, Amy Durdel, Crystal Alwardt, Dennis Pearson, Jennifer Butcher, Laura Shull, Robin Hopper, Teresa Metzger, Elizabeth Houser, and Morgan Waller

Agenda

1. Welcome & Agenda
2. Community Agreements
3. ECEC Workforce Panel: Jennifer Mast and Laura Williams
 - a. Jennifer Mast is a Preschool for All teacher at Neoga Project H.E.L.P. Jennifer highlighted challenges faced this year, emphasizing the importance of small gestures like cards or candy bars. She stressed the significance of any appreciation would be welcome.
 - b. Laura Williams is a Family Child Care Provider in Arcola. Laura values gifts from families, such as coffee or gift cards. Regarding gifts, Laura prefers them to be tailored to both her and the children, emphasizing shared enjoyment.
 - c. Together, Jennifer and Lisa agree that professional development, though valuable, doesn't genuinely express appreciation for their work. They acknowledge the lack of community support for Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC) programs and express a strong desire for increased awareness and recognition from the community.
4. Discussed Background Questions for Recommendation 2
 - a. The Council explored why the recommendation was made and recommendations from previous meetings.
 - b. The Council reviewed qualitative and quantitative data supporting the recommendation.
 - c. The Council discussed other communities, agencies, and organizations already doing this work in Region 11.
 - d. The Council identified individuals, organizations, and agencies essential for achieving the goal and implementing the recommendation.



5. Conclusion

Before Next Meeting...

- Complete Survey for Recommendation 2