



## MEETING NOTES

### Region 34 Family Council Meeting

Date & Time: 01/11/23 7:00pm-8:30pm

Council Members present: Dane Cruz, Maria Pizano, Pankti Jani, Brittany Nielsen, Jen Johnson, Kaylee Peters, Laura Rosales, Tirzah Jones, Elina Gizatullina, Martha Campos, Luisa Alfaro, Yoselin Martinez, Fernando Aceves

Council Members absent: Katia Lezama, Taishiya Nix

#### 7:00pm: Welcome (10 min)

Notes:

- Regional Council Manager Dane Cruz, Family and Community Engagement specialist Maria Pizano, Reginal Admin Support Pankti Jani.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

#### 7:10 pm: Icebreaker Activity (30 min)

Notes: What are you looking forward to in 2023??

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

#### Notes: Review of Council Member Expectations

- PowerPoint was presented by FACE Specialist Maria Pizano

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

#### Notes: Review of Community Agreements

- The following agreements were made.
- Respect
- Honesty
- Ready to Listen
- Willing to share ideas
- Not being afraid to speak up
- Being present as much as possible

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A



## 7:40pm: Action Planning (60 min)

### Notes: Public transportation in Lake County

- No Transportation in Lake Zurich,
- Bus does not go to Wauconda Lake Villa, Lindenhurst
- Maybe older people live in the west side of the county rely on public transportation,
- The northern part of the county is missing transportation.
- More people used rides
- People can afford to buy a car
- Depending on the city you live you might be able to afford car.
- Areas with less financial stability have more public transportation

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

### Notes: Different Median household incomes

- The places with the transportation are lower income,
- The higher median incomes have less transportation,
- Higher income families to the south.
- The need for income in areas that are together
- The areas with less income are together
- I feel like the income on the map are even too high for a lot of areas.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

### Notes: Number of children under 6 years old

- A lot of “Pandemic Babies”,
- Might be a shortage of space for 0–2-year-olds based on ration 12to1,
- Not to surprise by the number of children under 6.
- Yes, I am surprised by number of kids I was under the impression we had less kids.
- Do we have enough room in the schools for all these children?
- Not surprised because of all the waiting list in a lot of the schools.
- Numbers might be too high also because we have a lot of immigrant children arriving here.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

### Notes: Location of children under the age of 6 in our region

- There are a lot of children in the Vernon Hills and Mundelein area.
- There are areas that looked like they don’t have a lot of children.
- This information might not be up to date.



- Where can we get up to date information?
- Why are there areas with hardly any Children?

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

Notes: **Location of different Racial/Ethnic Families**

- After Reading the Chart, I thought it would be more predominant Hispanic Areas,
- Higher density of Hispanic in Certain Areas,
- Lake County looks a little segregated,
- There was not much change in the Numbers in Mundelein.
- People assume we are white because of the way we look.
- In a lot of questionnaires don't have a place for us to put we are Hispanic or Latinos

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

Notes: **Languages spoken other than English and Spanish**

- Mandarin, Hindi, Indian, Russian, Polish, French, Chinese, Ukrainian, Other dialects of Hindi.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

Notes: **Working Family**

- Would be nice to have a breakdown by age.
- Many of the children are living with one parent.
- Things are consistent.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

Notes: **Affordability of childcare for Families under FPL**

- Guidelines should be higher,
- Childcare is not affordable if you make 100%FPL.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

Notes: **Children by Federal Poverty Level**

- Huge number of children under 200% compared to the 100%,
- There are more children under 200%,
- Did not think it was that much poverty in Lake County,
- The more # of kids, the lower income, the places with public transportation tend to be the same areas,
- Future maps will be darker,
- More kids less financial security.



Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

Notes: **Things that surprise or stood out**

- It was surprising that almost half of the children are 200% below the FPL,
- I was surprised by the density in the low-income areas,
- The poverty # were higher than I thought,
- What is the primary reason for poverty?
- It was very informative presentation,
- It is important to see the roots of the problems,
- Our goal is not just to fix problems but prevent it from happening.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

**8:40 pm: Stipend information (10 min)**

Notes:

Next Steps: N/A

**8:50 pm: Questions (10 min)**

Notes: N/A

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

Next Family Council Meeting on January 25, 2023 @7 pm