



Region 17 Family Council Meeting

Location: 315 East Front St., Bloomington, IL

Date & Time: Monday April 17th 5:00-6:30 pm

5:00 Welcome & Review of Family Council Agreements

Facilitators: Carol Weisheit, Becky Thacker, Monica Reed

5:05 Icebreaker: What was your favorite school lunch as a kid?

Facilitator(s): Becky Thacker-Family and Community Engagement Specialist

5:15 Update from Social Media & Action Council

Facilitator(s): Monica Reed, Regional Administration Support

Facilitator(s): Carol Weisheit, Regional Council Manager

5:25 Region 17 Strengths and Needs

Facilitator(s): Becky Thacker, Family and Community Engagement Specialist

GOAL: To create strength statements and review of needs.

- Review of Strengths to Date

STRENGTH STATEMENT EXAMPLES:

- Our region has a state funded Pre-K program in every school district.
- Head Start/Early Head Start programs are in the communities with the highest areas of need.

- Review of Needs to Date - recommendations will tie to the needs.

NEED STATEMENT EXAMPLES:

- Our region is lacking adequate (insert need) in (name county).
- More community collaborations are needed (insert where).

6:10 Share Strengths and Needs

Facilitator(s): Carol Weisheit, Regional Council Manager

GOAL: Share strengths and needs as we think about creating recommendation statements at the next meeting.

- RECOMMENDATION EXAMPLES:

- As a region, we recommend the state continue to increase its resources aimed at recruiting and retaining an adequate workforce.



- We recommend locally, that we work to increase the by promoting and sharing information about the state's current workforce initiatives, educate the public about the need for more teachers and advocate for increased public dollars that support adequate compensation.

6:20 Next Steps

Facilitator(s): Becky Thacker, Family and Community Engagement Specialist

- Review deadlines for the next 2 months

Last Meeting: Monday May 1st

Time: 5:00-6:30 pm

Location: The Launch Pad/ ZOOM