



MEETING NOTES

Region 24 Family Council Meeting

Location: Hybrid: Zoom & 1304 Sunset Ave. Suite B, Yorkville, IL 60560

Date & Time: 2/7/23, 6:00pm to 8:00pm

Council Members present: Kennedy Sparks, Shannon Meyer, Patti Blahetka, Nicole Soloff, Omar Meza, Michelle Strom

Council Members Absent: Nikki Pehlke, Rolando Paramo

6:00 pm-6:15 pm: Introductions & Icebreakers (15 Minutes)

Welcome our new Family Council Members!

-Omar Meza, Michelle Strom, Nikki Pehlke, Rolando Paramo

6:15 pm-7:00 pm: Early Childhood Education and Care Programs Continued (45 min)

Notes: The family council continued the discussion on Early Childhood Education and Care programs.

Key takeaways during this discussion

- the location of most programs is not beneficial to working parents who travel 30 or more minutes away
- child care programs are very expensive, the qualifications for subsidy are unfair
- Transportation to and from half day programs should be implemented which would help the working class
- Clear, concise, and understandable language regarding how children qualify for Early Intervention services
- Early Childhood Education and Care programs in Kendall County offer great support to children compared to other counties that members have moved from, families stated they received more help and support in Kendall County
- Rewarding to see bilingual services implemented in programs
- Seems to be unfair that children with special needs and qualifying households for subsidy programs are the priority

7:00 pm-7:30 pm: Slot Gap (30 min)

Key takeaways:

-Lottery system with preschool is very unfair, seems to be many discrepancies within the system

-Guidelines should be equal for all children and families regardless of race or social class

-There is plenty of space for children to attend programs the waiting lists are due to teacher shortages.

7:30 pm- 8:00 pm: Family Council Logistics, Foundational Trainings (30 mins)

-Reviewed information from previous meetings to catch new family Council members up

-Explained purpose of community agreements and expectations and purpose of sitting on the council

-Navigated through the Foundational Trainings giving brief overview of each

- Answered questions and addressed concerns about Family Council logistics and other information discussed

Next Meeting: Hybrid

Date: Tuesday, February 21, 2023

Time: 6:00-8:00 pm