

POLICY COUNCIL QUORUM

Quorum was met with 14 centers represented by 19 center representatives and alternates. Two Past Parent Representatives also attended for a total of 21 attendees.

POLICY COUNCIL TREASURER

The Council elected its new Treasurer, Krissy Schuchmann, Yelm Head Start Representative. [Congratulations!](#)

ERSEA TRAINING

The ERSEA (Eligibility, Recruitment, Selection, Enrollment, Attendance) training was presented by the Program Data Coordinator and the Family Services Parent Educator. Presented was information on funded slots, types of eligibility, recruitment of families, prioritizing wait lists, what determines enrollment and when vacancies must be filled, attendance requirements, and the layers of monitoring to make sure standards are met.

502-P RECRUITMENT, ATTENDANCE, ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION CRITERIA

After the ERSEA training, the Council approved the revisions proposed for the 502-P policy, which aligns with ERSEA requirements.

226 PROGRAM PAID LICENSES, CERTIFICATES AND TRAINING

The Council approved adding a new item 13, which will permit the program to pay first aid/CPR, fingerprinting, TB skin tests, and food handler's card expenses for Parent U participants and current parent members.

APPLYING FOR ECEAP EXPANSION APPROVED

The Council approved applying for ECEAP expansion. This may include sub-contracting for services with community partnerships, and moving unserved slots to serve the children.

HEAD START ENROLLMENT PLAN

The Council received the 6-page Enrollment Plan that the Assistant Superintendent, Matthew Solomon, explained. The ECEAP expansion will serve more children. The program's Strategic Planning committee and a consultant are working on how to recruit and retain qualified staff, which will help fill enrollment slots without staff to serve the children. The plan notes the five centers that are under-enrolled. The plan has action timetables to be completed by September 2018.

CPAC SUMMARY REPORT

CPAC Center Parent Advisory Committee (CPAC) reports were given by Council representatives for Belfair, Littlerock, Rainier, and Yelm Centers.

Ask your center when your CPAC will meet!

WSA ADVOCACY IN FEBRUARY

Some Council members participated in the Advocacy Day rally and the WSA 3-day event. One member shared she felt empowered by the event and realized her story, and other parents' stories are needed. Other members thanked the ones who attended the rally for all children.

WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD

The Week of the Young Child (WOYC) hosted by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) will be April 16-20. Its purpose is to focus public attention on children and families, and to recognize programs serving them. In the past, our program has presented its children's displays in the ESD 113. The display this year will focus on parent engagement: Policy Council, Parent U, advocacy, field trips, etc.

MONTHLY REPORT

Assistant Superintendent, Matthew Solomon, presented the January information.

BY-LAWS

The revised Policy Council By-Laws were approved and finalized by the governing boards.

SELF-ASSESSMENT WEEK HAPPENED

Council members did Self-Assessment (SA) tasks at the centers. At the Council meeting, they gave answers to questions about their Council roles.

POLICY COUNCIL DATES

3/8, 4/5, 5/3, 6/7, & 7/12

Meetings are Thursday nights, 5:30-8, as a videoconference at three sites:

- Washington Elementary Center in Hoquiam
- Belfair Center in Belfair
- ESD 113 in Tumwater



Ask your Center Director for more information. Websites: www.esd113.org & www.soundtoharbor.com

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