

POLICY COUNCIL QUORUM

Quorum was met with nine centers represented by 16 center representatives and alternates. Two Past Parent Representatives also attended for a total of 18 attendees.

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES TRAINING

The Mental Health Services training was by Mental Health Specialist (MHS) Marin Fahey. Head Start requires students have access to mental health services and individualized support. MHS staff help inform administrative decisions. MHS staff provide social-emotional support for students and families. They train staff in PBIS, Second Step, Talk about Touching, and ASQ:SE -- all for strengthening social-emotional skills. Ask your teacher about the above resources.

SELF-ASSESSMENT RESULTS AND CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN APPROVED

Associate Director, Brenda Griess, explained the Self-Assessment Results and the Corrective Action Plan. Many of the findings were results of being short-staffed, and having to hire less qualified staff. The Council approved the plan.

POSITION PLANS APPROVED

The Council approved the following position plans:
NEW: Data Technician 1, and Food Services Deliver Assistant
REVISED: Food Assistant, and Food Services Manager

260 CONDITIONAL HIRE POLICY APPROVED

The Council approved this new policy giving the program flexibility in hiring staff not yet qualified but who meet set considerations and also agree to work toward and meet the requirements within a set timeframe.

MONTHLY REPORT

Assistant Superintendent, Matthew Solomon, presented the March information.

CPAC SUMMARY REPORT

CPAC Center Parent Advisory Committee (CPAC) reports were provided for Lacey, Littlerock, Rochester, and Washington Elementary Centers.

Ask your center when your CPAC will meet!

WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD

At the ESD 113 in Tumwater, the program will display Parent Engagement items for the April 16-20 Week of the Young Child.

BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

Chair, Kevin Rutherford, will be joined by Council members Ashlynn Dennison, Cora Rose, and Tatiana Wolfe at the Policy Council By-Laws Committee meeting on June 8.

AWARD COMMITTEE

Policy Council Chair, Kevin Rutherford, announced Emily Ruth as his Award Committee Co-Chair. The committee plans on honoring staff monthly and a parent every other month. The next Award Committee meeting will be on May 15.

PARENT U

This year's Parent U has been successful and will have a closing celebration in May. If you are interested in attending next year's training to learn how to be a classroom substitute or staff, contact Linda Allen at 360.464.6800.

FEDERAL HEAD START REVIEW

The program is preparing for its Federal Review, which will happen the week of April 30.

POLICY COUNCIL DATES

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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