

POLICY COUNCIL QUORUM

Quorum was met with 12 centers represented by 16 center representatives and alternates. Two Past Parent Representatives also attended for a total of 18 attendees.

EDUCATION SERVICES TRAINING

Slides provided by Area Coordinator, Anni Henderson, were presented by Deputy Director, Pam Grigsby Jones. The training focused on the Head Start Early Learning Framework Guide's guiding principles. We individualize for the child's different rates of learning. Parents are the primary influence, all relationships are key to successful learning, and cultures are honored. Learning is intentional and integrated, and the classroom curriculum is emergent due to the curiosity of the children.

DISABILITIES SERVICES TRAINING

The Disabilities Services Training was provided by the Associate Director, Brenda Griess. We are required to reserve 10% of our enrollment for children with disabilities. Our program's Disability Service Plan outlines staff work with partners to deliver services. All children in our program are screened within 45 days. If there is a concern, the teacher conferences with the parent. With the parent's consent, the child may be referred to the public school district's special services for evaluation. Individualized Education Program (IEP) services are the responsibility of the public school district, and services can start after the parent signs the IEP plan. Our program staff support the parent through the referral and evaluation process, and the IEP goals. Our program provides classroom environment accommodations.

DISABILITY SERVICE PLAN APPROVED

The Disability Service Plan, with no changes for 2018-2019, was approved by the Council.

NEW VICE-CHAIR

Tatiana Wolfe, Family Partnership Center ECEAP Representative, is the new Vice-Chair. *Congratulations!*

CPAC SUMMARY REPORT

A Center Parent Advisory Committee report was provided by Belfair Center. *Ask your center when your CPAC meets!*

FEDERAL HEAD START REVIEW

The program's Federal Review was April 30 - May 4. Results will be known in 90 days.

COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT APPROVED

The Council was presented with the latest community data which will help the program decide on enrollment slots for 2018-2019. Included was the number of eligible children in school districts, the number of Head Start and ECEAP slots, unserved children, and percentage of served children in our three county area.

MONTHLY REPORT

Assistant Superintendent, Matthew Solomon, presented the April information. Enrollment was up by 12 children. Requirements had higher percentages of completion. We are enrolling for the new school year.

KINDERGARTEN TRANSITION PLAN

Belfair Center Director, Jerri Hawthorne, presented her center's Kindergarten Transition Plan. All centers have their own plans. Belfair's was designed by parents, program staff, and school district staff. Transition starts in early May and continues through the end of the school year. Lesson plans and using kindergarten practices help prepare children for changes. Children tour the elementary schools and see the big buses. Preschoolers talk about what will be the same and different. Program staff help with kindergarten enrollment, and share permitted student assessments with kindergarten teachers.

PARENT SURVEYS - DUE MAY 21

Council members saw an advance copy of this year's parent survey questions. Centers will ask parents to choose a paper or electronic version.

Please complete the parent surveys!

POLICY COUNCIL DATES

6/7 & 7/12, 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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