

POLICY COUNCIL QUORUM

Quorum was met with 15 centers represented by 23 center representatives and alternates. Four Past Parent Representatives also attended for a total of 27 attendees.

PROCEDURE 208 CODE OF CONDUCT

The Council approved the revisions proposed for the *Procedure 208 Code of Conduct for Parents or Guardians of Children Enrolled in Head Start or ECEAP*. The three revisions were within its second paragraph concerning respect. 1) Add "Staff" to the existing "Respect for Children and Families" line. 2) Replace the word "stereotyping" with "discriminating." 3) Update to include the latest non-discriminatory statement. Last year's procedure is in the Parent Calendar. The updated version will be in the 2018-2019 Parent Calendar.

WSA REPRESENTATIVES & ALTERNATES

Council voted in their members to WSA. WSA meets February 6-8 in Olympia.

Head Start: Representative Jessica Palmer, Rainier,
Alternate Ashlynn Dennison, West Olympia

ECEAP: Representative Alicia Phillips, Peter G.,
Alternate Margaret Halvorsen, Belfair

WSA ADVOCACY DAY AT THE CAPITOL

The annual WSA Advocacy Day rally occurs February 8, Thursday, at the Capitol at 12:30. Join in to show how important Head Start and ECEAP are to your family! Wear red for the rally!

PROGRAM INFORMATION REPORT

Assistant Superintendent of Early Learning, Matthew Solomon, presented the 2015-16 & 2016-17 PIR data on eligibility, enrollment, home language, child obesity, staff, etc. In both years, over 650 families received outside services in emergency and crisis intervention (Head Start funded slots were 687 slots and then 673 slots). In 2015-16, 26% of staff were previous parents!

MONTHLY REPORT

Assistant Superintendent of Early Learning, Matthew Solomon, presented the December information.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The monthly Financial Reports for the Head Start and ECEAP grants, and the Credit Cards, were presented by Treasurer, Jessica Palmer. The 2016-2017 Head Start grant is being closed out. This program year's Head Start grant started on November 1, 2017.

CRITICAL SOLUTIONS FOR STAFFING

The Council's Chair, Vice-Chair, and Treasurer are part of a special committee of staff representatives focused on finding solutions for hiring qualified staff and retaining staff. They met in January and will meet in February. The program has 93 empty enrollment slots needing staff to serve those families. The Assistant Superintendent of Early Learning, Matthew Solomon, will use the committee's input and strategies to submit a plan of action to the Office of Head Start.

PARENT U TRAINING

Family Services Parent Educator, Linda Allen, shared that it is exciting to have current parents, including some Policy Council parents, participate in the program's own Parent U training that trains and supports parents toward working in our centers.

SELF-ASSESSMENT WEEK IS COMING!

Eight Council members signed up to help at nine centers during February 6-9 for the annual Self-Assessment week. They may complete mealtime observations, bus route observations, health & safety screener form, and/or participate in a parent interview. Results will help improve our program.

POLICY COUNCIL DATES

Feb 8, Mar 8, Apr 5, May 3, Jun 7, & July 12

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

- For Grays Harbor County:
At Washington Elementary Center in Hoquiam
- For Belfair Center:
At Belfair Center
- For Shelton Center & Thurston County Centers:
At ESD 113 in Tumwater



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