



ASI Children's Center Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Minutes

MEETING DATE: February 7, 2022

MEETING LOCATION: Children's Center Bambini 1

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sherry Velte, Sandra Gallardo, Theresa Gropp, Faith Soltero, Haley Myers Dillon, Katie Swedo (Chair), Chelsea Owens, Bena Arao, Lexi Hallum

VISITORS:

A. Call Meeting to Order & Approve December Minutes

- The meeting was called to order by Katie Swedo at 12:05 pm
- The December minutes were unanimously approved by PAC members present

B. Current Center Updates

1. PAC Parent Vacancy

- There are 3 interested student parents for the position
- They will submit a short bio for our center parents to read and vote anonymously on their new representative

2. COVID – Updated Guidance (Handout)

- There was new County guidance specific to daycare and child care
 - The Center emailed guidance to all parents
 - Sherry Velte supports on a case by case basis for families who are confused or guidance or need assistance
 - The 2 years and up mask mandate is a licensing requirement
- Antigen test kits
 - Sherry Velte has been working on obtain test kits from other sources

3. January Closure – Revenue Losses

- The center re-opened 1/31/22
- Other Northern California centers have closed or partially closed due to lack of staffing
 - Humboldt State did a shut down
 - San Francisco state only has 3 out 10 classrooms open
- The Center (ASI) paid student staff during the entire closure
 - We were unsure if students are aware they did NOT have to be paid
 - It is close to the Center's mission and ASI's mission to support students
 - Staff were assigned trainings and we collected testimonials
- Rough estimate: 131k loss
 - Option to assist with losses: Application to Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF)
 - Currently waiting for new guidance from CDSS to report losses

4. Staffing 90 (Full-time: 14 Part-time: 76)

- Looking to fill 1 full-time Associate Teacher or Fellowship Teacher position

5. Children 137 enrolled

- Need to build waitlist for Fall 2022
- We have exhausted the student and staff/faculty waitlists for certain age groups

- We are trying to reopen two closed classrooms by Fall 2022
 - Bambini 1 – Infants
 - La Casita 3 – Can be toddler or preschool

6. CACFP Audit

- On-site inspections 2/21 – 2/28
- Fiscal Audit 3/7-3/11

7. 2022/2023 Budget Preparations

- Sherry Velte will do a couple versions of the budget during February and March

C. Open Discussion

- Office staff will begin contacting centers for current child care rates and anticipated 2022 rates
- Review handouts for information gathered by the office
- PAC Structure
- Testimonials

Adjourned at 1:01 pm
Next Meeting: Monday, March 7, 2022