

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

MEETING DATE: November 9, 2020 12 p.m.

MEETING LOCATION: Via Zoom

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sandra Gallardo, Sherry Velte, , Mariah Dong, Danielle Cochrane, Clara Johnson, Brook Murray, Courtney Patton, Bena Arao, Lexi Hallum (Recorder)

VISITORS: Adri Ramos

A. Call Meeting to Order

- The meeting was called to order by Courtney Patton at 12:01 pm

B. Introductions

- The PAC introduced themselves for new member, Danielle Cochrane, and visitor, Adri Ramos (Intern for the Parents & Families Program)

C. Review of October Minutes

- The October Minutes were unanimously approved by the PAC members present

D. Current Center Updates

1. Update on Teacher Positions

- The Center has hired (2) full-time teachers; one will be a Floating Head Teacher, who will be an extra person to fill in for classrooms; the other is an Associate Teacher, who will also be able to fill in for classrooms and, in addition, assist the Associate Director with special tasks

2. Distance Learning Classroom

- With new guidance from the State, we are now offering a Distance Learning classroom for families on subsidy who are sheltering in place (not coming in to the Center for services).
- Teachers will connect with the families via phone calls, zoom, emails, and mailing materials to them, such as activity packs and offering a toy swapping/lending program.
- Teacher Theresa Gropp will oversee this program.

3. Independent Study

- The Center is now offering Independent Study for kindergarten-aged children enrolled in the program who need to complete school-work virtually.
- Teacher Theresa Gropp will oversee this program.

4. More Than Just Scribbles

- The Center created a document showcasing the art show pieces from spring 2020 children that was going to be shown in the University Union Gallery.
- The document is on the Children's Center website for families to view, as well as for child development majors who may need materials to study for their classes.
- A hard copy book is available at the Children's Center; one hard copy book was created for President Nelsen.

5. Center Virtual Tour

- The Center has created a virtual tour video that is on the website. The video includes new COVID procedures and classroom set up.

6. Thanksgiving Baskets

- ASI is hosting their annual Thanksgiving Basket Drive for students and families in need this season. The Children's Center is hosting the drive-thru donation center on November 5 and 12. All physical and monetary donations will be used to create a basket of food that will support students and their families as well as families in the greater Sacramento area.
- Money that would have been used for the ASI Employee Awards Dinner will be donated to the Thanksgiving Basket Fund.

E. Open Discussion

1. The Center will be cautious after the elections

- The Center will be cautious for the next few days after the election

2. Student Child Care Tuition

- The Center emailed out the upcoming rate change for student parents earlier in the week. This increase was approved by the previous PAC and is posted on the Center's website.

Adjourned at 12:44 pm
Next Meeting: December 7, 2020