

ASI Children's Center

Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Minutes

MEETING DATE: October 7th, 2024

MEETING LOCATION: Children's Center Conference Room

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sherry Velte, Hoan Nguyen, Sophia Mendoza, Stephanie Reyes Alcala, Sabrina Charleston, Jocie Sanchez-Trinidad, Erika Salinas, Matthew Collins, Olabisi Oluwatayo

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jazmyne Wright

A. Call Meeting to Order & Review May Minutes

- The meeting was called to order by Sherry Velte at 12:02pm
- New members introduced themselves
- Members present vote previous PAC chair, Jazmyne Wright to serve once again.

B. Current Center Updates

1. Staffing

- Mariah Russell, Theresa Gropp and Samantha Subuyuj are completing specialized trainings. These certifications are being funded by the SCOE grants.
- Changes have begun, 4 full-time teachers/ 1 full-time cook

2. Hiring

- Two teachers are in LOA and we are critically looking to fill 4 full time teachers vacancies
- We have hired staff who left shortly after because they do not realize just how difficult the job is
- There have been no applicants for the Associate Teacher positions
 - Sabrina Charleston suggested the sub system to help with staffing
 - Sherry said those systems have failed because there are no applicants, pay isn't good enough, applicants are not permit/credentials

3. Enrollment

- 170 children enrolled
- 112 of those children receiving state funds
- 11 ASI children
- Children with special needs above the 10% threshold enrolled
- ABA specialists wanted to bring in more specialists – Sherry wanted to tighten the list of specialists who came in to the center and some agencies were not willing to cooperate with our new procedures so they pulled out immediately.
- Center is an inclusion program and not a special education program
- If unable to keep the children, family, and staff safe then we are able to implement suspension

4. Funding

- Fiscal year July 1 – June 30
- This year's funding has been secured

5. Playground renovation

- Kevin McCarty gifted the center 1 million dollars
- Teachers came up with a plan on how they would want the outdoor classrooms to be set up

6. Cal-Fire Grant - \$998,745.00

- Cal-Fire grant is funded
- Designs are complete
- The entire play yards will be ripped out
- Equipment will have to be ordered soon because it takes out 8-12 months to build

7. More Than Just Scribbles

- Great turn out, parents and staff loved it!

8. Harvest Festival

- October 31st, No costumes – the center does not celebrate traditional holidays
- Only center families welcome

9. Diaper Program

- Only serving the center families
- 50 diapers a month per child

Open Discussion

1. Ciobha McKeown is experienced in specializing with special needs children. She and Sherry are wanting to collaborate and create a parent workshop

Adjourned at 12:59 pm
Next Meeting: Monday, November 4, 2024