



# Pasco County Schools Early Childhood Programs

## Early Head Start/Head Start

### Policy Council Minutes - September 9, 2021



#### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order through Zoom at 10:35 am with Sara Langi, Supervisor of Family Outcomes, welcoming all participants. Stacey Saylor shared with the group the importance of “greetings” as a special way to provide a nice ritual.

#### **Attendance**

Attendance was documented on ChildPlus report #2125 Alpha List of enrolled students by site/program.

#### **Presentation**

Ms. Langi shared the importance of Shared Governance and ways to be involved and the representation of “the voice” of families within the program and communities. Former Policy Council members shared their experiences from serving on the Council.

Motion made by Tracy Blimes, Community Rep., to dissolve the 20-21 Council. Seconded by Nina Jones, Lacochee. Motion carried.

Election of Representatives and Alternates took place with the following schools/programs that are represented: Anclote, Centennial, Chasco, Fox Hollow, Gulf Trace, Early Head Start Home-Based, Early Head Start at Hudson Primary Academy, James M. Marlowe, Lacochee, Pineview, and Woodland. Motion made by Amanda Shelton, Fox Hollow, to approve the above representatives and alternates. Seconded by Odette Odierno, James Marlowe. Motion passed.

Election of Officers (Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, and Alternate Secretary) was presented. Interested members were asked to nominate themselves or someone else. The following elections took place: Chairperson - Amiee Kobelnik, Anclote; Vice Chairperson – Rachel Watson, Anclote; Secretary - Samantha Schroeder, Chasco; Alternate Secretary – Britani Lance, Early Head Start at Hudson Primary Academy. Congratulations!

Election of Community Representative(s) was presented. Tracy Blimes with Pasco County Libraries was elected as a Community Representative.

#### **Breakout Groups**

Participants were placed in one of two groups: Presentation of current Bylaws (create/edit/revise), facilitated by Maree Marian and Health – Goals-at-a-Glance Overview from Mary Grace Romo.

#### **Monthly Program Information Report**

Alexis Russell, ERSEA Coordinator, presented the following information for the month of August: Number of families enrolled in Head Start and Early Head Start, a breakdown of how each enrolled family has qualified, the number of families withdrawn, on the waiting list, the number of children enrolled with a diagnosed disability, center attendance percentages, and number of meals served.

#### **Grant award**

The Director, Vicki Wolin reviewed the grant award with the Policy Council.

### **Personnel Recommendations and Program Vacancies**

Ms. Wolin shared current program vacancies and asked participants to assist in the efforts of recruiting. She also shared a list of program staff that were hired during the summer and the first 6 weeks of school. Reminder that all applicants go through a thorough hiring process (including background check and fingerprinting) with the District's Human Resources Department. Motion made by Odette Odierno, James M. Marlowe, to accept all personnel recommendations. Seconded by Tracy Blimes, Community Representative. Motion passed.

### **Upcoming Program Functions & Door Prizes**

Congratulations to our door prize winners! April Mangiaracina, Family Services Coordinator shared the following upcoming events: Home visits are being scheduled by teachers/caregivers; Conscious Discipline (CD) workshops via Zoom; and parents should be checking their emails for the program newsletters.

### **Adjournment**

Motion made by Odette Odierno, James M. Marlowe, to adjourn the meeting at 12:12 pm. Seconded by Nina Jones, Lacoochee. Motion passed.