



CHILDHOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL OF SANTA CRUZ COUNTY
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 12, 2022 1:30 – 3:30 pm

Members Present: K. Bobsin, Go Kids Inc. V. Boriak, First 5 Santa Cruz County, M. Cortes, PVUSD Migrant Head Start, I. Frieberg, First 5 Santa Cruz County J. Gallagher Heil, Cabrillo College, B. Griffin, Early Care Consultant, L. Mendoza, YWCA of Watsonville, S. Moon, Child Development Resource Center, T. Pastor, Cabrillo College Children's Center, N. Schermann, Campus Kids Connections, M. Watkins, COE, J. Weed-Pomerantz, Positive Discipline Community Resources and N. Young, Optimal Solutions.

Guests: E. Acosta, Cabrillo College, D. Brody, First 5 Santa Cruz County, M. Chao, Cabrillo College ECE Department, K. Lathrop, COE, M. Reilly, First 5 Santa Cruz County, K. Sakamoto, Cabrillo College, and C. Sieberg, First 5 Santa Cruz County.

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS

- Meeting called to order by B. Griffin - 1:38 pm.
- M. Tursic takes votes from all present on agenda.

II. AB 361 OVERVIEW BROWN ACT TELECONFERENCING/VIRTUAL MEETING REQUIREMENTS - READING AND APPROVAL OF AB 361 RESOLUTION

- E. Guerrero read the Resolution in full.
- Members moved to approve the resolution, votes were collected via roll call.
- Resolution was approved by all members.

III. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- B. Griffin moved to approve the consent agenda items and J. Gallagher-Heil second the motion followed by all members voted in favor of the motion, with no abstentions.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

- None stated.

V. SANTA CRUZ COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION - UNIVERSAL TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN (UTK) AND PREKINDERGARTEN (UPK) UPDATE, GUEST SPEAKER: KATHY LATHROP, COE EDUCATION CONSULTANT

- K. Lathrop serves as the liaison between the school districts, early learning and care community and COE.



- K. Lathrop presented an overview of the UTK and UPK programs grants that were developed by COE.
- UTK Expansion will begin countywide in school districts in 2022/2023.
- AB130 creates expanded opportunities for families of TK children to receive early learning.

VI. CABRILLO COLLEGE ECE DEPARTMENT – PLANNING FOR TK/UTK, GUEST SPEAKERS: MICHELLE CHAO CABILLO COLLEGE ECE DEPARTMENT CHAIR, AND PATRICIA PASTOR, CABILLO COLLEGE CHILDREN’S CENTER AND LAB SCHOOL DIRECTOR

- M. Chao discussed Certificate of Achievement and proposed pathway opportunities for UPK/TK teachers.
- Shared the proposed courses scheduled at Cabrillo College for Elementary and ECE teachers.
- The Council was asked for input and approval of the courses offered in the certificate. Council approves and votes yes on class offerings.
- Grant funding ideas discussed and input was collected by M. Chao.
- Final discussion and agreements on the benefits of Cohort models.

VII. FIRST 5 SANTA CRUZ COUNTY – INFORMING FAMILIES ABOUT EARLY LEARNING OPTIONS FOR THEIR CHILDREN, GUEST SPEAKER: DAVID BRODY, FIRST 5 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

- First 5 will host a Town Hall, online, May 31st at 5:00pm with Spanish translation (Will run approximately for 1 hour).
- Will highlight options for programs regarding UTK, options and enrollment to help parents make decisions.
- Flyers will be distributed to the early care community and forward to families and colleagues with young children.

VIII. CELEBRATING TRANSITIONS

- D. Munoz recognized the retirement of Jean Gallagher-Heil, Cabrillo College ECE Dept. Chair and instructor.
- Members shared stories about their relationship with Jean over the years.
- Cabrillo College ECE Dept. is planning a retirement party for J. Gallagher-Heil. Invitations will be sent to the community.



IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- V. Boriak and K. Lathrop plan to survey from First 5 to early care and early education providers regarding mental health referrals. CDRC will send a survey.
- J. Weed-Pomerantz- posted flyer in chat re: Family Event on June 25th from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm.
- I. Frieberg- Summer Seeds of Early Math in Spanish will be offered in June. More information to follow.

X. ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 pm.