



The Santa Cruz County Child Care Planning Council
El Consejo de Planeación de Cuidado Infantil del Condado de Santa Cruz
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MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, February 18, 2015, 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Community Foundation Santa Cruz County, 7807 Soquel Dr. Aptos.

Members Present: Rebecca Bogdan, SCCOE, Vicki Boriack, First 5 Santa Cruz County, Jonnie Cardinale, Spring Hill Elementary, Jean Gallagher Heil, Cabrillo College, Barbara Griffin, Campus Kids Connection, Elaine Henning, Voucher Project, Christina Valenin, CDRC, Sita Moon, CDRC, Rosario Navarro, SCCOE Migrant Head Start, Jane Weed-Pomerantz, Positive Discipline Community Resources, Jerri Winner, CFDP.

Absent Members: Sara Balla, Discovery Preschool & Family Center, Tricia Pastor-Cross, Cabrillo College, Larry Drury, Go Kids Inc., Sohyla Fathi, YWCA of Watsonville, Irene Freiberg, First 5, Karen Hamman, PVUSD, Leticia Mendoza, YWCA of Watsonville, Ashley Romele, PAMF, Nicole Young, Optimal Solutions.

Guest: Amy Bosso, Campus Kids Connection, Terre Lee UCSC, and Heidi Lister, Campus Kids Connection.

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS

- B. Griffin called the meeting to order and welcomed members to the meeting at 2:05 pm.
- C. Mulford provided an ice breaker activity.

II. AGENDA REVIEW AND QUORUM CHECK

- D. Oyler conducted the quorum check, quorum was met.
- B. Griffin reviewed the agenda and asked for additions to the agenda. No additions were made to the agenda.

III. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- B. Griffin requested approval of the Consent Agenda items.
- V. Boriack recommended changes to Committee Report, School Readiness Committee to include: *Members collectively decided to discontinue the distribution of the Child Snapshot to TK/K teachers. First 5 will make the document available, as a template, to the community.*
- R. Bogden recommended an acronym spelling correction from *ASES to ACES*.
- E. Henning moved to accept the Consent Agenda items with changes and J. Gallagher Heil second the motion - all members approved the motion.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

- D. Oyler reviewed the purpose of this agenda item and asked if anyone would like to share a child care related issue with the council.
- There were no comments or communications from the public.



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V. CHILD CARE PLANNING COUNCIL BUSINESS

- C. Mulford presented a QRIS Block Grant overview: the funding is intended to offer financial support State funded for preschool programs. The County allocation is \$405,000 for the first year 2014-2015.
- California Transitional Kindergarten Stipend (CTKS) Program: will provide stipends and/or reimbursements to TK and CSPP teachers who attend unit bearing ECE courses and professional development. CCPC will provide an informational meetings to determine how to disseminate program requirements and timelines.
- The 6th annual Together For Kindergarten Community Forum will be on Tuesday, March 24th from 4:00-7:00 pm at the New Brighton Middle School in Capitola. Keynote speaker will be Delaine Eastin in addition to presentations from two distinguished speakers on aligning the Common Core and the Preschool Learning Foundations.
 1. J. Weed Pomerantz recommended using this event as an opportunity to have attendees send the Governor and his wife a post card to support early education.

VI. PRESENTATIONS AND TOURS OF EARLY EDUCATION PROGRAMS

- C. Mulford discussed the purpose behind today's presentations and tours: effective advocacy.
Guest Speaker: E. Henning, Voucher Project, Executive Director Santa Cruz County Parents Association, (SCCPA) has served as Director for 32 years.
- E. Henning was selected to sit on Budget and Policy subcommittee on Agency Improvements and Efficiencies. This group will develop and monitor all legislation, budget and communications associated with changes in operations for agency's funded by the California Department of Education.
- Voucher Project or Alternative Payment Program (APP) was established in 1976 to serve families, grand parents and relatives.
- Voucher Project is intended to support working parents who need child care for children 0-13 yrs. They also maintain contracts for County Welfare, cash aid programs CalWORKS Stages 1, 2, and 3.
- E. Henning is most proud of the lending library and book give away for children.
- AB 233 (Lopez) will extend family eligibility to an 12 month cycle and would allow families to transfer their APP eligibility to another county.
- AB 188 (Garcia) will fund APP programs an additional 3% to determine family eligibility.



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Guest Speaker: B. Griffin, Campus Kids Connection, Executive Director, was joined by A. Bosso Preschool Director and H. Lister, After School Program Director:

- B. Griffin presented Campus Kids Connection's historical background.
- CKC employs 95 staff members and serves about 850 children in before and after school and preschool programs.
- CKC was established in 1978 and is currently at 9 sites throughout the county.
- A. Bosso and H. Lister presented a PowerPoint on the "Club Curriculum" offered at Campus Kids Connection.
- E. Bridges, Program Director presented an overview of the Valencia After School program and a tour of the classroom and playground.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- T. Lee, UCSC student, presented an overview of the prestigious Hult Prize Grant she is applying for and the El Systema music program at the Familia Center in Santa Cruz.
- J. Gallagher Heil announced that Eddie Jobe, Master Teacher at Cabrillo College is ill and asked those who knew him to keep him in your thoughts.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT - 5:00 pm

- B. Griffin moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:00 pm.

Next meeting: Wednesday, May 13, 2015 Community Foundation Santa Cruz County, Aptos.