



# ECFS/Early Childhood Family Services

ECFE Early Childhood Family Education  
Family School/School Readiness: Bridge to School

## Minutes from ECFS Advisory Council Meeting Tuesday, October 20, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Co-chair Andy Boettcher at 6:18 p.m.

Members present: Melissa Behles, Dana Birk, Andy Boettcher, Alex Cook, Sanna Ellingson, Kelley Esch, Stacia Essler, Tami Frank, Kate Glode, Kim Gorjestani, Ellen Kane, Heather Lorentz, Laura Menk, Kathie Jean Neville, Jacki Pettit, Kristy Saum, Jill Smook, Michelle Thieling, Corinna Troth, Sofia Troutman, Aimee Whitmore, and Amy Wick.

The minutes from the September meeting were approved.

Staff present: Karen Kellar, Karen Heaton

Special guest: Jim Brandl, Interim Community Education Director

Jim thanked us for the outstanding job that the ECFS Advisory Council does. He especially thanked Kathie Jean and Amy for representing our council on the District Community Education Advisory Council. He talked about DCEAC and the job it accomplishes.

We welcomed Alex Cook to our Advisory Council.

Karen Kellar gave the program updates.

- RCLC will be having a clothing drive October 26-28. Advisory Council is encouraged to drop off gently used or new children's winter clothing October 12-23 at Rahncliff.
- The ECFS baby shower was on Saturday, September 26. Once again the council came through with donations in a short amount of time. Awesome job, AC! Our next baby shower will on Saturday, April 10, 2010.
- ***Bullying and Young Children: Understanding the Issues and Tackling the Problem*** is a new class being offered starting in January 2010. Karen thanked the council for their promptness in replying to the email regarding this NEW class description. She is most pleased with the enthusiasm.
- Our winter catalog will be ready to be mailed soon. Random draw will be on Thursday, December 3, 2009.
- The council reviewed the Tuesday evening committee meeting schedule and noted the new dates. The Fundraising Committee will be meeting this Tuesday to work on the ECFE/CD and on November 10 the Policy Committee will meet.
- The Family School committee tends to be a popular committee. Childcare is limited on that committee to allow for the children of Family School participants who are also on this committee.
- Our holiday gathering is scheduled for Tuesday, December 15. Tami Frank has volunteered to host this gala event unless someone else would like to offer their home as a place to meet.

- Karen demonstrated the Moodle sites that are now available. She highlighted some of what teachers have put together and showed the Advisory Council Moodle site that can be accessed by going to the district ECFE website/Meet our Teachers/ Karen Kellar. At the bottom of Karen's bio page you will see an eLearning logo that you click.

### **Committee Reports**

Heather reported on the Hop and Hula with Bob the Beachcomber Committee meeting.

- On Saturday, February 6, 2010 at Oak Ridge Elementary we will host *Hop and Hula with Bob the Beachcomber* from 10 a.m. until noon. The cost is \$5 per child (6 and under) and parents are FREE. There will be two show times; one at 10:15 a.m. and the other at 11:15 a.m. There will be a variety of activities for children to complete and refreshments.

Andy Boettcher gave the following ECFS CD Fundraiser Committee report.

- The committee will be meeting on Tuesday, October 27. Andrew has been gathering information about copyright issues, etc.
- Council members generated a list of songs that they would like to see on a CD.

Karen Kellar shared information on the Parent Education Conference.

- District staff and parents are invited to a FREE Parent Education Conference on Saturday, November 7, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at Eastview High School. Keynote speaker Dr. William Doherty will present, "*Too Fast with Too Much: How to be a Grounded Parent in a Crazy World.*" Attendees can also select two of more than 25 workshops that will be offered as well as a parent resource fair. Childcare will be offered for children ages 2+ for \$10 per family. Childcare registration is required. You may register online or call 651-423-7920.

Aimee Whitmore gave the District Community Education Advisory Council update.

- The Community Education Annual Report was presented by ABE Manager, Cathy Koering. The Adult Basic Education program (ABE) was the highlighted program.
- Rahncliff and District Office East were renovated over the summer.

Karen will forward the Parent Leader meeting minutes to the Advisory Council later this week.

The next Advisory Council meeting will be on Tuesday, November 17, 2009 at 6:15 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted by Tami Frank*

