



ECFS/Early Childhood Family Services

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

Minutes from ECFS Advisory Council Meeting Tuesday, September 1, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Co-chairs Andy Boettcher and Sofia Troutman at 6:20 p.m. Members were welcomed to the 2009-10 Advisory Council!

Members present: Melissa Behles, Dana Birk, Andrew Boettcher, Sanna Ellingson, Kelley Esch, Stacia Essler, Tami Frank, Kate Glode, Kim Gorjestani, Heather Lorentz, Laura Menk, Kathie Jean Neville, Jackie Pettit, Kathy Plitzuweit, Kristy Saum, Jill Smook, Corinna Troth, Sofia Troutman and Aimee Whitmore.

Staff present: Karen Kellar, Karen Heaton

Members participated in an interactive "get-to-know" you beach ball activity. This fun activity coincides with our Open House theme of BOUNCE INTO ECFE on Tuesday, September 8.

Andy Boettcher provided the group with an overview of how the Advisory Council functions, including details regarding childcare, the agenda (emailed ten days before council meeting) and Robert's Rules of Order. We discussed how this council contributes to the ECFS community and how important the council's feedback is to this program. New members were encouraged to let other ECFE participants know that they are on the Advisory Council. This allows for parents to share their experience with members. The shared decision making process that we use was discussed.

Sofia Troutman discussed the various committees of the council. Council members will be signing up for the following committees at our September 15 meeting; Conference, Legislative, Policy Generating, Education Planning and Content, Family School, Parent Leader, Community Education Districtwide Advisory Council, Fundraising, and Teens/Young Parents.

Ideas on how to become an involved council member were shared.

Karen shared how ECFS fits into the district and Community Education. Jim Brandl is our Interim Community Education Director. Karen discussed the various departments and their functions.

Karen ended our meeting with appreciation to all Advisory Council members. We are most grateful to all members for the time and energy they give to the ECFS program. Everyone was encouraged to attend regularly and get involved.

The next Advisory Council meeting will be on Tuesday, September 15, 2009 at 6:15 p.m. Please call ahead if you will need childcare.

Andy adjourned the meeting at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Heaton