



Minutes
Tuesday, September 13th @ 1:00

Call to Order, Sign-In: By Erika Simmons 1:05 pm

Present: Michelle Pechette, Kate Mann, Erika Simmons, Shannon Puente, Nina Machado, Denise Moreno, guest Neil Carlson(Coldwell Banker Realtor).

Public Matters not on the Agenda

Discussion items only, no action taken. Any person may address the Council at this time upon any subject matter with the Council's jurisdiction. Any matter that requires action may be referred to the staff/council for possible action at a subsequent meeting. There is a 5-minute limit for each matter.

Approval of Agenda: No quorum. The Council members decided for this meeting, Tuesday, September 13, 2022, to have only a discussion and no action items.

Old business

New Business

Introductions of members and attendees: The Council members went around the room to introduce each other. The guest for today, Neil Carlson, introduced himself. Neil is a local realtor for Coldwell Banker Realty in Jackson. Neil also holds a support group for dads and dads that are expecting. Neil expressed that he is happy to be at the meeting and will let Council member Erika know if he would like to be a member of the Child Care Council. The Council will keep membership renewals and recruitment on the agenda to discuss further.

Amador CCC contract with TRC (Discussion Only): The Council members discussed the current Child Care Council contract and the dedicated position that it holds under ACOE. ACOE has proposed to subcontract with The Resource Connection, to take over the Amador Child Care Council. Following approval by the TRC Board and ACOE School Board, Council member Erika Simmons, from The Resource Connection, would coordinate and oversee the Child Care Council. Council members discussed that the Calaveras County School District subcontracts their Child Care Council to The Resource Connection as well. Erika Simmons discussed that she will also be attending the statewide Child Care Council Coordinators Association Conference, soon.

Meeting Times/Locations: Council members discussed that after the transition of the Council contract, we will later discuss the meeting locations and times that will work for all Council members.

Celebrate Our Children: The Council members discussed keeping the event in April. In the past, the event was held on a Saturday close to the Week of The Young Child. The Council members discussed keeping Celebrate Our Children on the agenda now to start planning ahead of time. Michelle Pechette will help coordinate with the Argonaut High School campus for facility use, and to have a janitor help



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clean up, to use the kitchen, and to have cafeteria workers help out. Erika Simmons discussed that she can work on the flyers, Travel Guides, coordinate tables for the vendors, coordinate the service vehicles to attend. The Council discussed trying to come up with a theme at the next Child Care Council meeting and also setting a date for the Celebrate Our Children event. Nina Machado proposed the idea of a 'messy play' type of theme. The Council then can work on the t-shirts and have an Art class from the schools come up with the logo for the t-shirts. The Council members discussed passing out books to the families again and to also educate our families regarding the theme that the Council decides on.

ELOP (Discussion Only): Michelle Pechette discussed the ELOP (Expanded Learning Opportunity Program) that will start next school year for TK-6th grade. This expansion is new funding and setting new mandates as well. The program will be provided to unduplicated pupils, the socioeconomic, foster children, and children that qualify for free and reduced lunch and free after school child care. Michelle Pechette is working on hiring more employees for this program to provide the learning that our children need. This program will be provided to all Elementary school sites.

LPC Fiscal Plan/Yearly Budget: Michelle Pechette discussed the LPC Fiscal Plan/Yearly Budget is due on September 14, 2022 and it is turned in. Michelle discussed that it can be amended if the Council contract changes hands and Michelle will email a digital copy to all Council members. Erika Simmons discussed that the Budget needs to be approved by the Council, and required signatures obtained before submission.

Updates from the Field: Denise Moreno, with Monarch Montessori Preschool, discussed that she has only 2 openings available. Denise has some children that have never been in daycare before, due to the Covid Pandemic. Denise did have a small percentage of children that have been in care with grandparents, but this year seems to be different. Denise discussed that she has around 40 students for this new school year. Her youngest is pushing 3 years old.

Nina Machado shared that since it has been suicide prevention month, she knows a therapist that has her own therapy practice and if any of the Council members were interested to have her come to speak, to contact Nina.

Shannon Puente discussed that she has been working with the Messy Mornings playgroup at First 5 Amador. Shannon has had a great turn out with 25 participants, weekly. The Messy Mornings playgroup is every Friday and started on May 6th. The regular 0-5 playgroups have started back up and she has seen a great enrollment with that as well. Shannon discussed that last year for their Reading Literacy Campaign, 9,000 books were read throughout the county. This year First 5 Amador is doing a Messy Play Campaign for all local families with children aged 0-5.

Michelle Pechette discussed that she is working on opening up an ELP site at the Pioneer Elementary school. She is looking for applicants and starting an interest list to see how many families they can accommodate for that location. Michelle discussed that ELP is now serving TK students at all 5 sites.



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Erika Simmons discussed that The Resource Connection is still recruiting for child care providers. The Resource Connection is offering a \$2,500.00 incentive to child care providers to help them open up their own childcare facility. Erika is also working on workshop flyers to send out.

Shannon Puente and Nina Machado shared an update on Quality for Kids.

Adjournment: Erika Simmons moved to approve today's adjournment at 2:33 pm.