



Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 3 at 1:00 PM

Call to Order, Sign-In

Meeting was called to order by Donna Jackson at 1:06 pm.

Present Members: Shannon Puente, Karen Frazier, Christian Tucker, Neil Carlson, Donna Jackson, Nancy Miner, Jeni DeWalt, Denise Moreno

Staff: Erika Simmons, Nikki Munholand

Public: Nina Machado, Sylvia Novaky, Jessica Soltero, Aimee Breazeal, Kathleen Carter

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.

Consent Agenda

Items listed are considered routine and may be enacted by one motion. Any items may be removed for discussion and made part of the regular agenda at the request of one or more Council members. Minutes from September 5, 2023 meeting -

Motion to approve: Christian Tucker Second: Shannon Puente
Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0

Approval of Agenda

Approval of the agenda for this date and all off-agenda items must be approved by the Board.

Motion to approve: Jeni DeWalt Second: Shannon Puente
Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0

Old business

- a. **Consultant Needs Assessment** - Erika shared that we had previously signed a contract with a consultant, Rosean Andrus, to complete the Zip Code Priority Report and update the Needs Assessment. The Priority Report was completed, but we have not heard from her at all regarding the Needs Assessment, despite multiple attempts to contact over the course of several months. It has now passed the timeline that was specified in the contract. The consultant was only paid for the work they completed. Procurement process will be initiated to hire a new consultant.

- b. **Council Retreat** - The purpose of the Retreat is to have time set aside to develop an updated Strategic Plan. The Needs Assessment should be done before the council has the Retreat. This is so that the Strategic Plan can be dictated by the data from the Needs Assessment. Based on Council availability from a Doodle Poll sent out,



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the date was set for February 6, 2024, from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. More updates to come.

c. Purple Manual - Erika gave an update on the newly revised All Children Are Special handbook, more commonly known as The Purple Manual. Printed copies will be available soon and it will be available on the ACCC website.

New Business

a. ACCC Outreach (Ongoing) -

Erika gave a brief update on the ongoing efforts for outreach opportunities. Nina suggested sponsoring a spot at the Mike Clark baseball field. Donna suggested contacting Operation Care to see if there are any outreach opportunities at their new Pioneer location. Other suggestions were the girls' softball field at St. Sava, and the community centers.

b. LPC Annual Summary & Self Evaluation Report -

Erika let the council know that the report is due on 11/15/23. She will share the report with the Council once it's completed.

c. CCL Advocate Workshop Update-

There was a virtual workshop done 2 weeks ago and approximately 10 people attended. The advocate and information was very well received.

d. CCCCA Conference Update-

Erika recently attended the LPC Coordinator Conference and she was able to do a lot of networking. She reported that it was a good mix of seasoned professionals and new hires. Nina asked if they spoke about recruitment but they had not, they did however go over reimbursement rates and UPK quite a bit. Employer sponsored care was a major talking point and was quoted as possibly becoming the future solution to childcare. Other topics of interest were off hour care, drop in services and overnights.

e. College and Career Fair (October 12, 2023)-

Erika and Emma will be manning a table at Amador High School this year. Jeni reported that many new hires in the ELOP and State Preschool programs are recent high school graduates, and the majority of them are working on careers in early childhood education.



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f. Celebrate Our Children (April 27, 2024) -

Erika shared that the success in attendance at last year's event was due largely to early organization, and early outreach. There were approximately 700 attendees last year which was double the attendance in years past. Some council members noted that there were some specific attractions that they felt were largely responsible for the success of 2023's celebration.

g. Legislative Updates -

Erika passed around handouts that summarized the following bills that are currently being considered at this time: AB596, AB1038, AB2897, AB51, AB3151, AB310, SB1044, SB2 & SB380. All are 2 year bills being considered by legislation after the close of recess. In regards to AB51, it was reported that because preschool kids need to be potty trained but TK kids do not, there is a higher influx of kids going into TK. Erika will provide links to all this information in the next newsletter.

h. UPK Workgroup Update -

There was a meeting in August. The next meeting is October 11th at noon. Erika will be going over the new credentials required for TK teachers.

i. Workforce Development Grant Update -

There are no updates at this time.

j. Updates from the Field

- First 5 Amador (Shannon & Nina) – Jackson Playgroup has been split between indoor and outdoor activities. There are Music and Movement events scheduled.
- UCANR (Kathleen Carter) – Has been working with Community Compass and UC Davis State office as outlined in IWP. Has been visiting school sites and collaborating with Leah's Pantry. Participating in TIC trainings emphasizing a garden theme.
- Amador Head Start/ATCAA (Nancy Miner) – Amador Head Start is fully enrolled. Staff will be taking UCLA class, "Winning with Wellness." This will take place over 6 days in November. Nancy will share more at the next meeting.



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- Resource Connection Child Care Resource and Referral (Karen Frazier) - Date for Calaveras County Children’s Fair is April 6, 2024. Pioneer Montessori has now been re-licensed as Mother Lode Mountain Tots, owner Erica Miller. All staff have been retained. Gold Star Preschool has been re-licensed and moved to Sutter Creek location. Nutrition workshop on 10/12 and provider nights are the third Thursday each month from 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm.
- Amador County Public Health (Christian Tucker) – Parents as Teachers home visiting with Public Health will be starting soon. On October 21, the first annual public health fair “Together We Can” will be held from 1:00 – 4:00 pm at the Italian Picnic Grounds. They have been making visits to state preschools and Head Start. Public Health now has 2 car seat technicians.
- Amador County Office of Education (Jeni DeWalt) - 3 of 4 preschool sites are fully enrolled. ELOP added an additional 100 kids to their program this year, 69 at lone Elementary. She also reported the current TK numbers: Plymouth 12, Pine Grove 7, Pioneer 1, Jackson 17, lone 33 and Sutter Creek 19.
- Little Oak (Jessica Soltero) – Reports full enrollment.
- WIC (Donna Jackson) - Participation has increased.
- Cottage in the Woods (Aimee Breazeal) – Reports full enrollment.

Adjournment 2:52

Motion to Approve: Christian Tucker Second: Karen Frazier
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