

**Head Start Policy Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 17, 2020**

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m. by Veronica Gaddy, Chair. Roll Call was conducted and a quorum was established.

II. Consent Items

A. Approval of the Minutes of the May 21, 2020 Meeting

Minutes of the May 21, 2020 meetings were reviewed. Diana Augulo moved to approve the minutes. Natalie Holland seconded the motion. Show of hands vote: Aye: 3 (Teresa Ellison, Diana Angulo and Natalie Holland) Nay: 0, Abstentions: 1, Chair.

III. Action Items

No action items.

IV. Action Items (Closed Session Personnel-Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957)

A. Staff Approval

No staff approval.

V. Information Items

A. Director's Report

Jacque Bonini, Director, talked about Distance Learning adjustments that families and staff are making. These teachers were assigned back to our department; Yumiko Trimmingham – Edward Kemble, Christina Alva – John Bidwell, Chong Vang – Oakridge, Khonesavan Vo – Pacific, Gulalai Shetab – Peter Burnett, Will Anderson – Washington, and Kelly Xiong – moved to Lisbon. She mentioned that it might be a good idea to start PC meetings later than 9:00am due to it being a prime time for some parents to get the kids online for schooling. The district has been generous with Chromebooks; 170 passed out, with 60-70 more needed. Distance learning is formatted similar to it was in the spring 2020. There are weekly action plans available online. Go to website www.scusd.edu. They can be filled out at home or online. Virtual learning is difficult for children's social/emotional health during this time of COVID. She thinks a focus on practicing and doing with an emphasis on sharing can help preschoolers better adjust. Head Start is flexible with us, however, they would like us to be fully enrolled. The State/CSPP is giving distance learning guidance, they have a lot of information on their website. We are waiting for legislation to be signed

by Governor so that we know how to proceed with distance learning or to start getting ready to return to class. There are preschools that are not a part of school districts that are currently open and operating.

B. Eligibility, Recruitment, Selection, Enrollment and Attendance Report

Rose Moya, Registration Supervisor reported that currently we are only at 31% of our funded enrollment. We have the online application and enrollment packets are available at the District's Enrollment Center. She mentioned there is an updated flyer, which she will email to the parents to share with family, friends and can post on their Facebook etc... One of our teachers is providing flyers through the free lunch program provided at her site. Please spread through word about our program because word of mouth is our number one recruitment effort that works.

C. Fiscal Monthly Report

No report. Rose Moya said she emailed fiscal report to its members and if they have any questions, they can ask at them at the next PC meeting.

D. Policy Council Report

No report.

E. Health and Nutrition Update

Noel Estacio, Coordinator, shared that she works with the nurses and is the liaison between Nutrition Services and our department. She said that originally Nutrition Services was going to require our preschool families to provide their Welcome Letter or student ID in order to receive a meal. However, the USDA has approved that all children between the ages of 0-18 can receive a meal regardless if they are enrolled in school. Free meals will be provided at 44 different locations on MWF from 11:00am-12:30pm. The information can be found at <https://thecentralkitchen.org/curbside> . You do not have to go to your assigned school; you can go to any of the sites to get your meal. What they do is families pick up meals on Monday for Monday and Tuesday and on Wednesday, they pick up the meals for Wednesday and Thursday. So families receive two days of meals for their children.

F. Facility Update

No report.

G. Education and First 5 Update

Doris Reese, Coordinator, shared that we provided preservice for teachers before school started with distance learning. With the focus being on distance learning and what that might look like and health and safety if they go to their site. The first week of school, September 8-11 teachers observed the "slow start schedule". Typically, teachers conduct their home visits and parent orientation in the home. However this year because of the

pandemic it was done virtually similar to our Zoom today. Teachers met one on one with each parent and provided an orientation on what families should expect this year. Teacher also completed the ages and stages assessment. Ages and stages assessment will soon be available online for teachers to complete. Screeners could then be email or text to parent's to assist with completing the assessment since parents know their child best.

H. Parent Engagement Update

No report.

VI. Open Discussion and Comments

Teresa Ellison from Golden Empire said she just wanted to ask everyone how things were going and what everyone's experience has been like with distance learning since it is new. She shared that she is having an amazing time with her child's teacher Ms. Maria. Veronica stated it has been frustrating, she has three children in school and one of her children seems to have a lot of Zoom issues. Getting kicked out of Zoom, not good connections using Zoom on phones. Natalie Holland from Bowling Green recommended looking into Google Meets; they know charter schools that are using it and have much better success. Having a child with special needs has been a challenge for her child; her child was thriving in school because of the social interaction. Jacquie wanted to bring to their attention that there is a plethora of resources for distance learning available on SCUSD website under Parent Resources. We are all learning to do things a new way and have to be flexible and forgiving with each other. Natalie shared that this keeps her in a place of normalcy some sort of return. As long as I can stay part of something that benefits our kids I'm for that.

VII. Public Participation

Tami Granada with Sacramento Tree Foundation was excited to present us with an opportunity to bring shade trees into the Rosemont community. Up to 10 free shade trees will be provided to families who live in the Rosemont area. They are adding an element of community engagement since they can't do the regular involvement. and to involve kids in the community. This is a good way to involves kids, hands on learning and outdoors. A forester can be provided along with the tree to instruct a lesson about the trees as well as how to plant and care for it. There will be a Facebook Live video and Zoom instructions as well. Tree planting demonstration. Flyers are available, email Tami@sactree.org.

VIII. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 9:45am