

Interagency Early Childhood Committee
Meeting Minutes
November 2, 2017

Attendees: Stacy Wantz, Cathy Nusbaum, Ginny Simoneau, Leslie Barnes, Shelly Toms, Nancy Boyd, Leslie Frei, Lisa Jarboe, Pilar Olivo, Hannah Cobb, Steve Buckley, Jennifer Barker-Frey, Cathy Cullen, Jim Lee, Amy Tzortzinis, Malcolm Furgol, Shannon Aleshire, Patty Morison

Minutes: The group had several changes to the September minutes.

- Pilar had a clarification on p 2. The September minutes state, “Pilar Olivo requested more information regarding the gathering of data from the site and how to ensure videos do not accumulate.” Minutes should state, “Pilar Olivo requested more information about gathering data from the site and whether the count of viewers is defined within a time period, so we understand who is currently using the site.”
- In the Agency Presentations—Judy Center section, strike the last sentence.
- In the Networking Section
 - Shannon Aleshire shared job posting, not posing.
 - Malcolm Furgol shared information about the Unity Campaign not the Union Campaign.

Leslie reported that as a subcommittee of the LMB, the IECC meetings are subject to the open meetings act. Our agendas and minutes will be on the website. The group decided that the notes from the goal groups would not be a part of the minutes.

Ginny moved to accept the minutes as amended, seconded by Pilar. Approved unanimously.

Follow Up—Book Group: About 30 people attended and the event ran long because people had good questions. Malcolm asked if there was any follow-up needed from this event, but there wasn't.

Follow Up—Grow Your Kids: TREE (Talk, Read, Engage, Encourage) Presentation: Session at the Frederick Cares Symposium provided by Dr. Tellerman of MD Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics. There were questions as to who/how this was marketed. Was it teachers, human service workers, both? It was a professional day for FCPS teachers. The event needs better marketing at an earlier date. There was low attendance especially in the afternoon.

There was some discussion about whether Frederick Cares and the Summit of Intersections could work together instead of having two different events.

IECC Presentation to LMB—Subcommittee Updates/Reports: IECC has been asked to present a brief overview of the work of this committee at the LMB meeting. Leslie gave some background on the request.

Cathy asked what information the group wants to share with the LMB. Suggestions included:

- Participation level, size, and continuity of the IECC
- Work of the activities with Ready Rosie and ACEs
- An understanding that the Children's Festival is a large piece of what the IECC is involved in
- Special events such as Hillbilly Elegy event.

Agency Presentation—Leslie Frie presented on the FCPS Office of Early Childhood Education Pre-K

- 21 Schools
- 30 General Education Teachers
- 826 Students (646 Automatics, 180 Other Criteria)

Kindergarten

- 36 Elementary Schools
- 142 General Education Teachers
- 2828 Students

Our office manages applications for Early Entry to K

- Parents can apply for children with birthdates between Sept.2-Oct.15
- 68 applications this year, 17 were accepted

Our office manages Maturity Waivers

- Children not yet ready for kindergarten can receive approval to wait a year

Our office manages the KRA (Kindergarten Readiness Assessment)

- All teachers complete training each year
- Provide technical support as well as manage data
- KRA testing window is early Sept.-Mid Oct.

Our office manages the R4K Grant (provided by MSDE in relation to KRA)

- Offer afterschool workshops for teachers/instructional assistants
- Offer trainings for FCPL librarians – sharing KRA data/trends
- Offer 3 trainings/year for childcare providers to receive ongoing credits

Our office manages Kiddee Kollege

- Six-week sessions for parents and their children ages 0-5
- This year we are offering 6-week sessions at 4 different schools
- Instructor teaches school readiness skills and parent tips
- Aim is to serve 10 families per session

Networking:

Patty Morison reported that CCC is doing a conference on Resiliency on March 24, 2018 in collaboration with FCC.