

St. Petersburg College – Early Childhood Education Advisory Committee
 Spring Meeting - May 18, 2012 – 1:00 pm - SA 309

MINUTES

Members Present: Present: Brett Engisch, Bonnie Flectcher, Gary Graham, Mona Jackson, Lynda Lynch, and Anne Ryan

Members Unable to Attend: Sandy Smith, Eugene Cote, Susan Weber, Claudia Decker, Laura Woodard, Bonnie Touchton

Agenda	Who	Discussion	Action
Welcome and Introduction	Lynda Lynch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lynda welcomed members in attendance. 	
Call to Order	Lynda Lynch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lynda called meeting to order at 1:15 pm 	
Approval of Minutes June 9, 2011		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The minutes were approved as written. 	Approved
Committee Membership Structure, New Members	Anne Ryan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Bonnie Touchton has elected not to return due to her retirement. All others have agreed to serve one more year. ▪ New members are being sought. 	Brett will ask Patty Lister to join the group. Those present agreed to give names to Anne.

<p>Old Business</p> <p>Infant Toddler Conference</p> <p>Disposition – Professionalism</p> <p>Course Rotation</p>	<p>Anne Ryan</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Infant/Toddler Conference held at the college went smoothly and was well received by participants. ▪ The professional Disposition Evaluation has begun to take place. In the fall all AS Degree students will be required to submit a self-evaluation as it helps determine student’s disposition for the early childhood profession. ▪ Course Rotation is posted on the ECE website: ▪ www.spcollege.edu/spg/earlychildhood 	
<p>New Business</p> <p>Transition to College of Education</p> <p>Scholarship Opportunities</p>	<p>Anne Ryan</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The A.S. program is now in the College of Education. The new teacher certification Bachelor's degree will be offered on the Clearwater campus. At this time, the A.S. courses that are blended will continue to be offered on the St. Pete/Gibbs campus. ▪ <i>Anne shared that Kimberly Hartman (Dean of College of Education) asked that she welcome members on her behalf.</i> ▪ Books becoming costly and impacting student ability to take classes. It was noted that R’Club pays 80% of cost for employees enrolled in college courses. ▪ Scholarships are available from Early Learning Coalition, Juvenile Welfare Board, and TEACH (88 TEACH students). 	

<p>Lew Williams Project</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Lew Williams Project will target areas of most need. Those involved in its development are St. Petersburg College, Pinellas County School Board, Early Learning Coalition, and Juvenile Welfare Board. ▪ Project specifics are still being worked out: Initial space for the project will be at PTEC south. Gibbs High School will house an early childhood career center. Children will be in classrooms by August 2012 – birth through 4's. There will be a full parent involvement component. 	
<p>Community News and Sharing</p>	<p>Bonnie Fletcher</p> <p>All</p> <p>Mona Jackson</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ School system is adding “Step” classes for 3’s and 4’s – children who have not been successful in blended settings. ▪ The Head Start Grant was discussed. The school system will seek the grant. ▪ Mona shared that at a recent Pinellas Early Childhood Association workshop when asked how the community be more helpful to the provider base, a provider suggested that it would be helpful for St. Petersburg College offer credits for work experience. Anne stated that the articulation agreement from CDA to A.S. degree, which provides nine credits (one third of the required credits in the major) represents the 'credit for work 	

