

St. Petersburg College
Early Childhood Advisory Committee - MINUTES
May 17, 2013

Present: Eugene Gino Cote, Claudia Decker, Penny Eggert, Brett Engisch, Bonnie Fletcher, Krista Fusari, Mona Jackson, Vikki Yates, Anne Ryan

1. Welcome and Introductions

Anne Ryan welcomed members and introductions were made.

2. Call to Order

New Chair Brett Engisch called the meeting to order.

3. Read and Approve Minutes of Fall Meeting

The minutes of the Fall Meeting were approved. Claudia Decker (motion) and Vikki Yates (second)

4. Old Business

The course rotation was discussed by Anne Ryan. It was developed to support/help students. Most of the students in this program work full time jobs while pursuing their AS Degree. The blended on-line plan was also discussed.

5. New Business

Anne discussed the new software process (Curricunet). Concern was offered that without program website options for AS and BA pursuits may not be clear.

Group talked about the Early Childhood Conference held April 20, 2013. 300 conference attendees listened to the keynote and attended interesting breakout sessions. The conference will take place in the public schools in the future.

Anne Ryan thanked Mona Jackson for acting as secretary. Vikki Yates will be the new secretary.

The marketing and outreach services being done were discussed by Krista Fusari. A flyer for the BA Degree in Educational Studies was offered for input. She will work on a flyer for the AS Degree. Input was that a flyer would be the best promotional tool. Also it was felt that it would make it easier to reprint and/or make changes as needed.

A pamphlet "First Teacher: A Parent's Guide to Growing and Learning" published by the Office of Early Learning was given to each member.

6. Community Sharing

R'Club will oversee Headstart in Pinellas. Their contract starts July 1. They also have a contract with ASI for a center in the Gateway area – a state of the art center.

The group learned that Sandy Smith is taking on a new position.

Powell Child Development received an ELC grant for NAEYC accreditation.

New learning library for 2-4 at Pasadena Community Preschool and the joy observed from children using this space.

Updates on the Kings Highway (Professional Dev. Center) and Lew Williams project were shared.

Next meeting: September 12, 2013 (dinner meeting with Dr. Law, 6:00 pm, Epicenter).

Submitted: Mona Jackson