

Associate of Science
Early Childhood Education Advisory Committee
Fall Meeting Minutes
September 24, 2015

Present: Anne Ryan, Gail Ramsdell, Ann Hofmeister, Angela Loring, Vikki Yates, Yvonne Malague, Susan Weber, Brett Engisch, Mona Jackson, Twanna Monroe, Claudia Decker, Karen Burns, Kay Morgan, Sonya Meier

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 7:40 a.m. by Chairperson Brett Engisch

Read and Approve April 10, 2015 Meeting Minutes:

Question: Vikki – Do you talk about the 12 credit certificates in class? Answered by Anne R – Yes because there is a lot of misunderstanding.

Question: Claudia – if they have some of the course work, can they sign up for the certificate? Answered by Anne R – Yes. So if they have three classes and sign up for the certificate and take the fourth class, they can graduate with the certificate.

Question: Yvonne – If they come in with an AA, can they get the certificate? Answered by Anne R – Yes, they can.

Yvonne Malague motion to approve
Angela Loring 2nd
Minutes approved

OLD BUSINESS

ELC Conference Presentation, February 2015: Angela Loring from ELC gave an update on the conference. They are looking tentatively at January 30 with February 6 as a backup. They are waiting to hear about Becky Bailey's availability.

Update on Certificates: Discussion occurred during the meeting minutes approval.

COE Center For Excellence Grant: The college has been moving forward with this grant. There is an amazing amount of work to be done. The grant will provide new opportunities for students and interns.

EC STEM through the Arts:

New Faculty: Anne R introduced new faculty member, Karen Vuurens.

NEW BUSINESS

State Change AS Degree: Starting in 2016/2017, the AS degree will be 60 credits, not 63. A science requirement has been removed. Now for the AA degree, students will need an additional math course and a science course with a lab.

State Statute also requires that the 40 clock hours be articulated. The college will offer 1 credit for the 40 clock hour trainings.

City of St. Petersburg Certificate Scholarship: Karen Vuurens is teaching the courses on the Midtown Campus. There are currently 12 students enrolled and a few more joining in the spring. The City of St. Petersburg through the Foundation will offer \$150 of literacy materials to participants and \$200 of literacy materials will be donated to their center in their name when they get their certificate.

JWB Certificate Scholarship: JWB has created a list of centers to focus on in mid and north county and staff at these centers will be able to apply for a certificate scholarship similar to City of St. Petersburg's certificate scholarship. The first information session was at the Clearwater campus and 13 people attended. Another information session will be held at the Tarpon campus. Courses will start in the spring on the Clearwater Campus.

T.E.A.C.H. Scholarships – A.S. and B.S.: Funded \$1,000,000 for Bachelor's degrees.

Ann Levy Memorial Scholarship : Former students, Beverly Kamp was awarded the scholarship through the Children's Forum – announced at the One Goal Conference in Tampa. Bev will begin her B.S. in Educational Studies/Preschool Education here at SPC.

COMMUNITY SHARING

Trauma Informed Care: To better educate the community, Dr. McHale and Lisa Negrini offered a nine hour training. They are now offering short, three hour sessions for parents. Twelve schools have been chosen and have done the training and will now receive coaching. Brett Engisch has incorporated it into her year long training as well.

Baby Talk: This year centers will provide an incentive to parents to encourage participation in the event. Advertising this year will push for parent participation. Discussion centered around the Advisory Committee supporting the event.

Hippy R'Club: Hippy has one back to school event each year. It was a huge success and children received backpacks of school supplies.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:45AM – members attended the Breakfast and Presentations in the Conference Center

Spring Meeting - TBA