

A.S. Early Childhood Education Advisory Committee

Fall Meeting

Calvary Kids Care Preschool

11/09/2017

1. Welcome and Introductions

- a. Present: Anne Ryan, Mary Ann Goodrich, Barbara Scarsbrook, Debbie Barker, Gail Ramsdell, Vikki Yates, Carol Dinsdale, Brooke Rittenhouse, Yvonne Malague, Karen Vuurens and Miriam Larrea.
- b. Absent: Angela Loring, Ann Hofmeister, Claudia Decker, Jackie Lang, Twanna Monroe, Teri Statton, Gino Cote, Sonia Meier, Susan Weber, Joe Benavides.
- c. Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 08:35 A.M. by Anne Ryan.
- d. New members: Anne Ryan introduced student member Brooke Rittenhouse.

2. Read and Approve Minutes: Minutes from the Spring meeting were read and approved. A correction to Carol Dinsdale's name was noted.

3. Old Business:

- a. CETL Mini-grant 'The Shape of Things to Come' nearing completion; first reception scheduled and second in the planning
- b. COIL Project ends in April – wonderful project with lots of sharing of ideas; hope to expand to other countries
- c. Updates on Scholarships (attending state meetings in Tallahassee 4/12 and 4/13)
- d. Updates on Ed Studies/Preschool Education and Youth Studies and Community Leadership
- e. ELC Conferences again on SP/Gibbs Campus; Infant/Toddler 10/21/17 and ECE 1/27/18
- f. Community Involvement – appreciate your updates
- g. Student interest in creating a 'community of practice' surrounding STEM/STEAM – potential use of new Bay Pines facility
- h. Education Community update – preview Facebook/Workplace
- i. Addressing textbook costs

4. New Business:

- a. COIL Project: still looking for worldwide partners. Preferably an English-speaking location. We appreciate any assistance and can adapt assignments for most of the Spring course offerings. Yvonne has a missionary pastor who is going to Guatemala and would like to have information to pass along. Anne will send her the information that was given to us by the State University of New York. Additionally Anne will also send a description of what we have done in the past 2 years.
- b. T.E.A.C.H. Scholarships: T.E.A.C.H. is not accepting new applications at this time. Students who are recipients of this scholarship will continue to receive it. The Office of Early Learning is looking at this need for funding tied to Performance Funding tiers.

Anne will be attending a T.E.A.C.H. meeting in Tallahassee 04/10 – 04/13 and will be able to give more updates at our Spring 2018 meeting.

- c. We also have new JWB scholarships. Students in the AS and BS early childhood degrees will be eligible to apply if they are employed full-time in a licensed, professional setting serving children in Pinellas County. The scholarships will be administered through the SPC Foundation. Applicants must be SPC students.
- d. The Infant/Toddler Conference on October 20th had excellent attendance. We had a great turnout.
- e. The ECE Conference is scheduled for January 20th at the St Petersburg/Gibbs Campus. The keynote speaker is Dr. Jean. The keynote address will be in the Music Center with breakout sessions in the LA building and lunch and vendors in the SS Lobby. We continue to appreciate the support of the Provost on the St Petersburg/Gibbs Campus.
- f. S.T.E.M.: The Early Coalition has a 5K run along with Storybook Village in the spring at Boyd Hill. Anne suggested to pick a book to set up a table for the event. She will check on the exact date and asked the committee for input on activities that can be set up once the book is selected. She described how successful the COE STEM Night at SPC was by joining the Science/Literacy program with ELED and ECE.
- g. Community of practice: Students and former students have asked to get together to continue discussing current issues in our field. We are looking at a few Saturday meetings in the Spring. Mary Ann offered to facilitate the initial meeting possibly during lunch at the upcoming ECE Conference in January.
- h. S.T.E.M. Kits: 15 NAEYC BOOKS have been received thus far. Still waiting on cameras and storage boxes and hope students will be able to check out the kits this coming Spring semester. Anne will continue to communicate with the SPC Workforce staff.

5. **Community Sharing:**

- a. Mary Ann Goodrich announced the Office of Early Learning initiated some changes in the regions covered by VPK Facilitators. She is now the VPK Facilitator for Pinellas, Pasco, Hernando and Hillsborough counties. She is also conducting the Math Training program for providers (age range of 3-4 year olds) There are a total of 12 hours to complete with teachers meeting 4 times for 3-hour sessions. She is reaching out to centers who might be interested in having their staff participate.
- b. PreK-Kindergarten Partnership: Gail Ramsdell said transition forms for students going from Preschool to Kindergarten are being mailed. Kindergarten teachers have expressed how thankful they are for the information provided on the students' sheets. Gail also shared that the Baby Talk event will happen in February and the focus will be on family conversations with young children.
- c. Barbara Scarsbrook shared updates: the Head Start performance standards were revised and the Statistics piece appears to be a challenge for most teachers. New mentor-coaches have been assigned to every staff member. Also, Google hangouts is being used with up to 25 people participating in a setting similar to Community of Practice. Head start is partnering with the Pinellas County Schools. This will start in January 2018. The Jordan Park center children will move to the Midtown Academy. The

plan is to have students come in as 3-years-old and go all the way to 8th grade. Head Start is providing lunches so students can eat in family-style in their classrooms.

6. **The Spring Meeting** date, time and location TBD

7. **Meeting Adjourned** at 9:40 A.M.

Minutes submitted by Miriam Larrea