

May 19, 2011

Policy Council Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 7:12 p.m.

Time Keeper: Maria Kessler

Attendance: Kala Geestman, Danielle Olson, Maria Kessler, Annie Blackwood, Erica Hayes, Dale Repnow, Stephanie Scott, Christy Metz, Melinda Belling

Other parents: Kirk Blackwood

Staff: JoAnn Brager

Quorum was met.

Minutes: Motion made by Maria K., and 2nd by Kala G. to approve April meeting minutes. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Policy Council checkbook has \$4025.76. Fiscal report reviewed. Motion made by Christy M. and 2nd by Steph S. to approve report. Motion approved.

Family Night Reports:

Mandan had its stepping up night for those going on to kindergarten. Good turnout. Did literacy-based activities and children received backpacks with some supplies for next year.

Beulah/Hazen held a carnival with tattoos, planting, a local safety organization to show their knowledge, also including a car seat check. The kids moving on to kindergarten met the Hazen principal and received backpacks with summer activities.

Hebron had an event but Melinda wasn't able to attend.

No reports from Carson & New Salem.

Old Business:

Personnel: Jason announced his intention to leave the Mandan center. Erica H. reported 6 interviews have been held and they would like to hire Phobe Frye as a teacher, Tanya Frederick as a paraprofessional, and Carly Feiler as a teacher for New Salem. All have early childhood experience and are currently working in that field. Motion made by Christy M. to approve the separate hiring, 2nd made by Annie B. Motion passed.

After research, JoAnn B. found no record of our approval to release Kristen from Hazen, so motion made by Maria K. to approve her leaving, 2nd by Kala G. Motion passed.

Continuation Grant: JoAnn B. reviewed our Continuation Grant application for the 2011-2012 fiscal & school year. The amount asked for is \$1,420,375, with \$355,090 in in-kind, to provide services for 160 children. Long-range goals and short-term objectives were discussed. The training and technical assistance plan and budget were reviewed. The budget, self-assessment and program improvement

plan were reviewed at the March meeting. Based on the Community Assessment, we would like 10 classrooms serving 160 children. Motion made by Erica H., 2nd by Christy M. Motion approved.

Medically Underserved (Gravell Amendment): JoAnn explained what it would mean to some of our schools having a policy to serve medically underserved communities. Discussion requested that Carson, New Salem and Hebron qualify with centers in communities with fewer than 1,000 people, are medically underserved, have a health professional shortage (more than just one area) and are not in close proximity to adequate health care which allows WRHS to serve some additional "over-income" families. Income eligible families will be served first! A motion was made by Maria K. and 2nd by Danielle O. to approve this policy. Motion passed.

Training:

Continuation Grant: Lots of discussion – see above.

Next meeting will be held Thursday, September 15, 2011 at the Mandan center at 7 p.m. All are invited to attend.

Motion made by Stephanie S. to adjourn, 2nd by Erica H. Motion passed.

Have a Great Summer!