

Policy Council Meeting

Monday, January 30th, 2023, at 5:30 pm

In person location: East Valley Campus (EVC) - 1001 W. Southern Ave. Suite 106, Mesa, AZ 85210 - Conference Room 116

Virtual: Microsoft Teams

Minutes

1. Call to Order

Call to order by *Robert Sotomayor*, Policy Council Chair, at 5:36 PM

2. Roll Call

Mishianand Mack, Policy Council Secretary, did roll call. 6 members in attendance in person and 5 virtual; quorum was established.

Policy Council 22-23	PRESENT In person or virtual	VOTING
Early Head Start Center Base		
Leah Gladden		
Maria Tesorero Ojeda		
Monica Gonzalez		
Shareli Romero		
Abril Anduaga	X virtual	X
Sara Snyder	X virtual	X
Nicolasa Castro		
Head Start Chandler-Gilbert		
Carmen Martinez		
Marie Kouam		
Shemiah Johnson		
Leydy Quirazco	X	X
Rosemary Hayes		
Marisol Romero		
Jamme Alexander		
Monica Jacome		
Head Start Tempe-Guadalupe-Scottsdale		
Michele Rodriguez	X	X
Laura Peralta	X virtual	X
Ariana Gonzalez		
Michelle Haworth		
Juan Carlos Jimenez	X	
Head Start Center Base Mesa		
Sofia Cordero		
Allana Vokes		
Carmen Perez	X	X
Robert Sotomayor	X	X
McKenzie Whitman		
Mishianand Mack	X	X
Kira-Marie Filippelli	X virtual	X
Dalila Hernandez		
Alma Chavez		
Alicia Espinoza		
Orlenys Malaver		
Juan Mejia		
Helen Diaz	X virtual	X
Community Representatives		
Mayada Abdalla		
Board of Supervisors		
Cristina Arzaga-Williams		
* 9 Members for quorum	TOTAL	
	11	10

Other attendees:

Name	Role	Attendee	Role
Doug Alf	Grant Accountant	Nancy Kessay	FCP Manager
Linda Roldan	ERSEA Assistant	Eve del Real	Head Start Director
Jessica Figueroa	Family Support Specialist Supervisor	Desi Hightower	Inclusion Coordinator
Nickia Newman	Education and Wellness Manager	Patricia Iniguez	Mental Health Associate
Maureen McCoy-Virtual	Nutritionist	Marisol Sandoval	Family Support Specialist Supervisor
Jennifer Gaulke	Early Education & Operations Manager	Gloria Reyes	Admin. Operations Assistant

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3. **Board of Supervisors Liaison Report**
Board of Supervisors liaison was not present.
4. **Human Services Director Report**
Shawn Pierce, HSD Deputy Director, reports that the newly elected chairman of the board of supervisors for 2023 is Clint Hickman. He is looking forward to working with the community and supporting the families with a better safety net. He will continue to advocate for the importance of water supply and tackle the issues and abuse surrounding fentanyl.
5. **Head Start Director Report**
The Head Start Director, Eve del Real, reports that herself and others just returned from the Washington DC trip which was a success. They brought back a better knowledge of how to successfully continue providing services for the Head Start Program. They also had the opportunity to meet and see state senator Mark Kelly.
6. **Enrollment Reduction**
Eve del Real reports that she is forced to make some hard decisions because they are unable to sustain current funding with the current inflation and staff raises. Enrollment slots will go down to 1,103.
7. **2023-2024 Calendars**
Calendars will be presented next meeting; Dates are still being finalized.
8. **Approvals**
 - **Enrollment Reduction**
 - Approval: Juan Carlos Jimenez did first motion. Leydy Quirazco seconded it. Approved by all members present, no opposes.
 - **Financial Statements- December 2022**
Please see the attachment for detailed information.
 - Doug Alf, Grant Account, reviewed the financial statements.
 - Approval: Juan Carlos Jimenez did first motion. Michelle Rodriguez seconded it. Approved by all members present, no opposes.
 - **Policy Council Meeting Minutes - October 2022**
Please see the attachment for detailed information.
 - Approval: Robert Sotomayor did first motion. Leydy Quirazco seconded it. Approved by all members present, no opposes.
9. **Program Services Report**
Please see the attachment for detailed information.
 - **Eligibility, Recruitment, Selection, Enrollment and Attendance (ERSEA)**
Linda Roldan, ERSEA Assistance, gave an overview of the enrollment numbers for the month of December.
 - **Health, Nutrition & Safety**
Marisol Sandoval provided an update on the health latest numbers.
 - **Family Services, Community, and Partnerships.**
Jessica Figueroa reports that they just completed the first round of assessments. The second assessments will be taking place soon. The next Conscious discipline training will take place on February 21 (Spanish) and February 22 (English). There's also a men's discussion group presented by Darrell Reagan at the Head Start office. The dates will be March 1, March 22, April 26, May 24, June 28. Volunteer opportunities are still open.
 - **Inclusion/Mental Health**
Desi Hightower, Inclusion Coordinator & *Patricia Iniguez*, Mental Health Associate provided handouts to the parents.
 - **Education and Child Development**
Jenn reports that the next job fair will be held at Chase Field on February 15, 2023, from 11 to 7 PM. There will be a second job fair held at the Head start office date TBA. They are still working hard to fill all vacancies in early Head start as well as Head start classrooms. 15 people were brought in to train the new employees and teachers for the new sites.
10. **Presentation from Policy Council Members**
Mishianand Mack reported that she attended numerous classes, and they were all dedicated to helping parents as well as teachers within the Head start program succeed with working with their children. Classes that she attended were how to teach and incorporate social emotional learning with ease, relationships, five essentials, parents are a diamond in a rough, your self-esteem, is there a self-esteem, choices and consequences, and fathering with the purpose.
11. **Policy Council Member's Reports**
 - Parent representatives:
Juan, Carlos Jimenez questions if the children at the Tempe site can utilize the gym. Jen addresses the question stating that per licensing requirements, utilization of the gym is not an approved area for the children to be in. It would have to be considered a field trip to use and that is after all parents have agreed to use the facility.
 - Community partner agency
There are no reports.
12. **Call to the Public**
No response from the public.
13. **Adjournment**
Robert Sotomayor, Policy Council Chair, adjourned the meeting at 7:20 PM.

Next meeting:

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- **Monday, February 27th, 2023, at 5:30 pm** *In-Person at 1001 W. Southern Ave., Suite 106 Mesa, AZ 85210 conference room 116 and Online VIA Microsoft Teams.*
 - *All parents are invited to attend all Policy Council meetings.*