

NEICAC Policy Council

June 21, 2022

The June Policy Council meeting was held via Zoom. Participants included: Greta (Monona), Denise (Oelwein), Kim (Waukon), Amber (Waverly), Sharon and Laura (Staff). There was one visitor present.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. and roll was taken. A motion to approve the May minutes was made by Kim and seconded by Amber. The motion carried.

Director's Report

Staff changes: Sarah McGee, Postville CD Teacher has resigned. She is retiring. Sania Torres, Postville HS Co-Teacher has resigned. Interviews were held for one Postville Co-Teacher position and Margarita Juarez was hired. She will be starting soon. We continue advertising for the other Co-Teacher position in Postville and 2 Oelwein Co-Teacher positions.

Enrollment: We are fully enrolled in Early Head Start. We have stopped replacing students in Head Start following the close of our school year. The May Enrollment Report was reviewed. Cresco was below the 85% attendance level due to illness, Dr. appointments, and family vacations.

Budget: The submitted budget reports were reviewed. Both Early Head Start and Head Start are on target for this time of the year.

Applications: An up-to-date summary of the applications for the 2022-2023 school year was reviewed. Currently, 202 children have been accepted into the Head Start Program. Laura shared recruitment strategies, and PC members were asked to assist with recruitment efforts as we struggle to fill all classrooms.

Orientation: Round Ups are scheduled in July for all classrooms. All parents are encouraged to attend.

Summer Wrap: Summer wrap programs are operating in West Union, Oelwein, Postville, Waverly, and Guttenberg.

The May meal counts and CACFP claim for reimbursement reports were reviewed along with Federal Finance Reports and the credit card statements. All were found to be in order.

New Business

Program Governance: Written plans were reviewed as related to Policy Council governance as part of our annual program assessment.

Center Reports

EHS: Dubuque River Museum fieldtrip, Oelwein Pool Party, Waukon Storytime

Decorah: Classroom closed

Cresco: Classroom closed

Guttenberg:

Monona: Classroom closed

New Hampton: Classroom closed

Oelwein: Learning about watermelons and planted watermelon seeds. Beach study and ocean animals.

Postville:

Waukon A: Classroom closed

Waukon B: Classroom closed

Waverly:

West Union:

The next meeting will be held on July 19, 2022, via Zoom. The meeting was adjourned a 6:58 p.m.

Submitted and transcribed by Laura Thomas