



Washoe County School District Council on Family Resource Centers Meeting Minutes

November 29, 2018

1. OPENING ITEMS

1.01 Call to Order

The meeting of the Council on Family Resource Centers was called to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Washoe County School District Administration Building, 425 East Ninth St., Board Room, Reno, NV 89512.

1.02 Roll Call

Chairperson Vanessa Vancour and Members Sherrilyn Elcando, Brenda Costello, Scott Benton, Susan Severt, and Nita Losoponkul were present at roll call. Member Cristel Avalos was not present at roll call. Rechelle Murillo, Staff Liaison, was also present.

1.03 Public Comment

There was no public comment at this time.

2. DISCUSSION, PRESENTATION AND ACTION ITEMS

2.01 Action to Adopt the Agenda

On motion by Sherrilyn Elcano, second by Scott Benton, the Council on Family Resource Centers approved the agenda as presented. (Yea: Susan Severt, Vanessa Vancour, Nita Losoponkul, Scott Benton, and Brenda Costello). Final Resolution: Motion Carries 5-0

2.02 Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council on Family Resource Centers Dated August 22, 2018

Member Losoponkul stated the spelling of her last name was incorrect in the minutes and needed to be amended to reflect her last name being spelled Losoponkul.

On motion by Brenda Costello, second by Sherrilyn Elcano, the Council on Family Resource Centers approved the minutes of the meeting of the Council on Family Resource Centers dated August 22, 2018 with the correction of Member Losoponkul's name. (Yea: Susan Severt, Vanessa Vancour, Nita Losoponkul, Scott Benton, and Brenda Costello). Final Resolution: Motion Carries 5-0

2.03 Discussion of the Mission and Purpose of the Council on Family Resource Centers, as Stated within the Council Bylaws and Defined by Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 430A.140, and the Role of the Council Members in Reaching those Goals

Rechelle Murillo, Staff Liaison and Coordinator of the District's Intervention Department, presented and discussed the Council on Family Resource Centers (Council) bylaws, to include the stated role of the members of the Council. Ms. Murillo stated the current Council bylaws are posted online on the WCSD website.

Ms. Murillo explained that District staff would like the committee to provide some additional input on the annual Family Resource Centers' (FRC) action plan, the strategic plan, increasing FRC visibility and ways to increase funding. Chair Vancour asked for input from committee members regarding the areas Ms. Murillo mentioned.

Chair Vancour and Member Benton stated the FRCs needed to be more known throughout the school district and recommended information be presented to the WCSD Board of Trustees. Ms. Murillo explained that the Council on Family Resource Centers reports directly to the Superintendent but the Board is provided a yearly presentation on the Family Resource Centers to provide them with an update on the work and population served.

2.04 Discussion of ways in which the WCSD Family Resource Centers can Increase Visibility within the Community, to include ways to seek Additional Funding Opportunities

Members explained they were concerned about visibility within the community and fear that WCSD staff and community partners do not know about the Family Resource Centers. Chair Vancour discussed focusing on internal and external visibility for the Council on Family Resource Centers (Council). She asked for committee members to share what they do outside of the Council and what they could contribute.

Each Committee members provided information on what they could contribute. Chair Vancour stated she would continue to work with the University of Nevada-Reno to get a "Pack Scholarship" to employ a Social Media intern for the FRC's.

Ms. Murillo discussed using the WCSD's communication department to assist the FRCs in their social media presence as well as increasing visibility in the community. She shared information about an upcoming media event focusing on attendance which would be held at the Sun Valley FRC.

2.05 Presentation and Discussion of Family Resource Centers year-to-date Data and Outreach Events, including Future Community Events that Council Members may attend.

FRC staff member, Wylie Evanson, presented the year-to-date data reflecting families, children, individuals, applications submitted, and referrals FRCs have served in FY18 and FY19. Mr. Evanson discussed the SAFE program and housing assistance being the biggest need for clients.

FRC staff member, Marcella Watson, presented on the FRC activities and outreach. She highlighted the upcoming WCSD Attendance Event being held at the Sun Valley FRC.

2.06 Presentation and Discussion of Family Resource Center Parenting Programs – Apple Seeds and Parenting Wisely.

FRC staff member, Marcella Watson, presented on the FRC Apple Seeds and Parenting Wisely Programs. She shared the Apple Seeds program provides 6week parenting classes to families with children under 5 year of age. Ms. Watson also discussed the Parenting Wisely program, a 1-hour program provided to families with school age children. Parenting Wisely is a split program with a young child edition and an adolescent edition.

3. CLOSING ITEMS

3.01 Announcement of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Council of Family Resource Centers will be held on February 27, 2019 at 6:00 PM in the Sun Valley Family Resource Center, 115 W. 6th St. Sun Valley, NV 89433.

3.02 Public Comment

There was no public comment at this time.

3.03 Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business, Chair Vancour adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m.