



SOELS Executive Committee Meeting
 August 22, 2019
 Southern Oregon Education Service District
 101 N Grape Street, Medford
 2:30-4:00 p.m.

Members Present (X):

	Scott Beveridge SOESD	x	Eileen Micke-Johnson RCC		Susan Zottola GP SD #7
x	Geoffrey Lowry Oregon Child Dev. Coalition	x	Lisa O'Connor FNC		

Sue Parrish Via Phone

Staff:

x	René Brandon Director	x	Chelsea Reinhart Early Learning Facilitator	x	Karen Johnson Administrative Assistant
x	Teresa Slater Early Learning Facilitator		Molly McLaughlin Early Learning Facilitator		

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME AND GREETINGS

René called meeting to order at 2:40.

REVIEW OF SOELS EC MINUTES FROM 7/25/19

No revisions to the July 25, 2019 meeting minutes were recommended.

GOVERNANCE COUNCIL STRUCTURE, NEXT STEPS – SUE PARRISH, ELD, WILL BE ATTENDING

Sue Parrish shared with the group ideas on what topics to address at the September Governance Council meeting.

- Ask members about which aspects of the Early Learning Council’s RAISE UP OREGON strategic plan they are most excited.
- Clarify that the Hub is not an organization, but a representation of an ongoing, transparent community engagement process.
- Recap the area of quality improvement ELD selected for SOELS following the March 2019 monitoring visit – Rubric #1 Governance Council. ELD will track the progress of SOELS’ Governance Council over the next biennium. The Hub selected family engagement and equity as two additional focus areas for quality improvement.
- Share examples of how other hub GCs are structured to avoid conflicts of interest and encourage transparency and accountability. (This is crucial with the ELD’s 2019-2020 budget doubling for the early

learning system.) Perhaps provide visual aids, such as structural diagrams. (This could be a project for the Executive Committee following our September GC meeting.)

- Explain that the ELD is working with hub GCs on transparency, accountability, and conflicts of interest concerns across the state; this is not unique to Southern Oregon.
- One hub asks GC members who have a conflict of interest with funding decisions to not only abstain, but to leave the room during discussions. This is an agreed upon practice for that hub and is above and beyond the expectation of public meeting law.
- Clearly define how public meeting law dictates how members should or should not participate in discussions and/or decision making when a conflict of interest is perceived. (The Hub has provided members with reference materials detailing this in the past and will provide a copy as a reference at the September meeting.)
- Encourage members to focus on system building as a whole, and not their individual programs; clarify each member's role as part of SOELS' Governance Council.
- Discuss how members can further the work of the Hub; do we have the right members to successfully move the work forward?
- Examine trust issues among some members – preferably with a professional outside of Southern Oregon.
- Share examples of other hub's charters, describing guiding principles, the role of backbone alliances, and the function different committees serve as part of their governance councils.
- Add more parent representatives to the Council and form family engagement, data, and investment committees. (Investment committee should be apprised of only members who are not receiving Hub funding.)
- Discuss ELD's focus on ECE service expansion for 2019-2020, and the role the hubs will play.

FINALIZE AGENDA FOR NEXT GC MEETING

- Why we do this work – stories from the region
- 2019-2021 Hub Budget and Investment Priorities
- Governance Council Structure

SEPTEMBER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

- Heidi McGowan will be joining us to help formulate next steps following September's GC meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:41 pm

NEXT MEETING

September 26, 2019
Southern Oregon ESD
101 N. Grape Street, Medford
2:30-4:00 p.m.

Submitted by K. Johnson