



SOELS Governance Council
 February 18, 2020
 Southern Oregon ESD
 101 N Grape Street, Medford
 2:00-4:00 pm

Members Present (X):

	Scott Beveridge SOESD	*	Martha Ibarra Hispanic Comm Rep	X	Mary Wolf CCRN
X	Katherine Clayton SO Head Start	X	Geoffrey Lowry OR Child Dev. Coalition		Melissa Wolff DHS Self Sufficiency
*	Susan Fischer-Maki AllCare CCO		Karla McCafferty Options for So Oregon		Susan Zottola GP SD #7
	Michelle Gallas Imagine That	X	Eileen Micke-Johnson RCC		
	Jeanne Grazioli Medford School District	*	Lisa O'Connor FNC		
	Michelle Gury Parent Voice		Pam Thompson- Arbogast, EI/ECSE		
	Kerri Hecox, MD Oasis Center of the R.V.		Andrea Wakeland Parent Voice		
	Mary Hough S.O. Pediatrics				

*Via Zoom

Staff:

x	René Brandon Director	x	Chelsea Reinhart Early Learning Facilitator		Vicki Risner Administrative Assistant
	Teresa Slater Early Learning Facilitator		Molly McLaughlin Early Learning Facilitator		

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME AND GREETINGS

Meeting called to order at 2:06.

ADDITIONS OR CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

No minutes to approve due to hub being without administrative support.

ELD Contract Update

Temporary contract modification from ELD was in place and effective through January. The new contract modification has been sent to the hubs, but with errors in funding. ELD instructed hub directors to have backbone agency sign the contract knowing that a modification will need to be issued. René sent a breakdown of the funding errors for SOELS to ELD.

Governance Council & Subcommittee Restructure Update

Executive Committee continues to work on governance council and subcommittee structures. Application process and timeline for positions opening in the Spring are being drafted. Final suggestions will be brought back to GC for approval.

ECE Workforce Committee Update

Early learning partners in Southern Oregon hosted a table at Careers in Gear, the region's largest career fair for high school students, to encourage students to consider early learning as a career. Approximately 1,900 students attended the event. Our partner attendees were Crystal Rowbotham a parent representative; Peter Buckley with Southern Oregon Success; Katherine Tovar with Blossom Hills CDC; Britt Zimmerman with Kid Time/Learning Loft; and Kristen Johnson with Oasis Center of the Rogue Valley. We are also exploring potential partnerships between Rogue Valley Internship and Youth Pathways Partnership, two organizations that will place high school student interns into local businesses willing to host students. This is one strategy to raise awareness about early learning as an important and rewarding career option. Eileen shared that she is coordinating a meeting with RCC leadership on March 16 to share all that is happening in Early Learning and all the funding coming to the region. SOELS and SORS will be joining her to share information and strategize how to maximize the Student Success Act funding opportunity.

Child and Family Wellbeing (CFW) Committee Update

This committee was formerly the CCO/Hub monthly meeting and is now a formal subcommittee of the governance council. Rene shared a draft strategic map with the CFW members and they discussed how to reach each strategy and how each member could work to achieve the goals. The Hub will create strategic map drafts for each committee and they will be shared at a future governance council meeting.

Early Learning Equity Committee Update

The Equity Committee has met twice. The group is currently discussing the equity fund RFA and which organizations plan to apply for funds. Cecilia Giron with Listo plans to apply and she also shared that Kids Unlimited has indicated interest as well. The two organizations are exploring how they might work together. The Hub will continue to host discussions during this RFA process to ensure that culturally specific organizations have the support they need to move forward with applications.

Preschool Promise RFA Update

The RFA closes April 2nd. 35 applications have been submitted statewide so far. SOELS hosted three information sessions in the region last week with key partners. One in Josephine and two in Jackson (One English, one Spanish) Each one was well attended. 22 providers attended the Spanish information session at RCC HEC and plan to apply. CCRN is the regional support for providers interested in the Preschool Promise expansion. Southern Oregon region will receive 75-150 slots during the expansion. Currently, we are serving 217 children. Rene will reach out to Mark Angle-Hobson with SOESD's School Improvement Program for an update with how SOESD is supporting school districts with their Student Investment Account plans and ensure cross communication for districts interested in Preschool Promise as well.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 pm

NEXT MEETING: March 17, 2020

SOELD, 101 N. Grape St., Medford, 2:00-4:00 pm

Submitted by R. Brandon