



SOELS Governance Council

February 15, 2022

2:30-4:30 p.m.

Zoom Meeting ID 948 6812 4175

Attendees: Katherine Clayton, Adrienne Auxier, Eileen Micke-Johnson, Mary Hough, Sam Watson, Scott Beveridge, Kimberlee Whitney, Geoffrey Lowry, Brittain Zimmerman, Jessica Durrant, Carrie Prechtel, Martha Ibarra, Cynthia Anderson. Absent: Crystal Rowbotham, Stacy Inman.
Guest: Jessica Casey

Hub Staff: René Brandon, Teresa Slater, Vicki Risner

Agenda

Call to Order:

Welcome and Greetings

Additions or changes to the Agenda:

Approval of minutes from 1-18-2022

Motion to approve minutes: Eileen Micke-Johnson

2nd Motion: Geoffrey Lowry

Approved

Investment Update: Preschool at Williams Elementary - Teresa & Jessica Casey

Teresa: Started the Williams Community Preschool slideshow about the history of the partnership with the Early Learning Hub and community partners.

René: I presented this specific successful program to legislators during the last legislative session when there was going to be across the board cuts to the early learning hub system to help prevent cuts to funding. This specific example was key because it is serving a rural community and leveraging funding and partnerships that allows for 20 children to be served. This model in Williams is pretty unique and it really makes it so much more sustainable than some other early learning models because of those partnerships.

Jessica Durrant: We have multiple years of data that the students are entering higher than their counterpart peers. They are also gaining from the fall benchmark to the winter benchmark.

René: Shared Hub Investment Priorities 21-23, talked about the importance of our rural communities and how this investment is delivering on this goal.

Eileen: I was on the original Governance Council committee when this was presented. I am so impressed with how a little bit of funding has gone so far and had such great success.

Teresa: The original students from the first year are now 3rd graders. Their test scores are better than their peers who didn't use these resources.

Mary Hough asked if there are any other programs with this kind of community interaction. Britt: We have similar programs in several locations with good community partnerships and school district partnerships. They are getting stronger every year. Katherine: We also have programs many locations with the same type of program as out in Williams. They are doing great.

Gratitude for Martha Ibarra

Martha has completed her two terms of service on the governance council. Thank you for your commitment to bringing more equity, diversity and inclusion to the work of this council and the many other regional efforts you are engaged with to improve access, services, and outcomes for ALL families.

ELD Contract, Work Plan Update

René: Procurement across the state has stalled, but we are expecting our contract any day. We have been asked to continue building our annual work plan outlining our deliverables. Those are based on Raise Up Oregon goals.

#1 Children arrive ready for kindergarten

#2 Children are raised in healthy, stable, and attached families

#3 The Early Learning System is aligned, coordinated, and family center.

Recruitment for Hub Staff & Governance Positions

René: We have not had good response with outreach asking people to apply for positions with the Early Learning Hub or positions on the Governance Council. I will be sending out another email for our two positions available: Administrative Assistant for the Preschool Promise program and Systems Facilitator. We will be sending out links to the 6 open Governance Council positions. Feel free to have them contact me with any questions.

Conflict of Interest forms for 2022

René: You will be receiving the annual Conflict of Interest of forms. It is asking members to identify any actual or potential conflicts of interest. Please ask René if you have any questions.

Motion to Adjourn: Katherine Clayton

Seconded: Geoffrey Lowry

Vote taken, approved

Adjourned at 3:49 p.m.

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March 15, 2022

2:30-4:30 p.m.