

**SOELS Governance Council**

**May 16, 2023**

2:30-4:30 p.m.

**IN PERSON at SOELS’ new office: 918 Chevy Way, Medford**

OR

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**Attendees:** Cynthia Anderson, Katherine Clayton, Stacy Inman, Laura McKeane, Sam Watson, Brittain Zimmerman. **Absent:** Adrienne Auxier, Bridey Mendoza-Moore, Geoffrey Lowry, Jessica Durrant, Kimberlee Whitney, Mary Hough, Scott Beveridge

**Hub Staff**: René Brandon, Jordan Rogers, Sydney Wing, Teresa Slater, Molly McLaughlin, Vicki Risner

**Call to Order 2:33 p.m.**

**Welcome and Greetings**

**Additions or changes to the Agenda**

None

**Approval of minutes from 3-21-23**

Motion to approve 3-21-23 minutes: Laura McKeane

2nd Motion: Sam Watson

Approved

**Appreciation Dinner Reflection**

Thanks for all who were able to join us. Final count was 99 attendees. Partners felt appreciated. Speakers represented the vast amount of collaboration we are doing. This time we couldn’t fit all the projects in!

**Parent Advisory Council Update**

Sydney: Coming up quickly. We have a group in both counties with meeting spaces for both now confirmed. Will have child care on site to facilitate families. 4 confirmed for Jackson County, 2 Spanish speaking and we’ll have interpreter on site, location is Family Nurturing Center’s new space on E Main St in Medford. 6 confirmed for Josephine County. The location is Growing Together Community Center with child care on site as well. Round table group. Offer professional development, leadership training. We are excited to hear what they know, what they want to know, what our community needs. Sydney will facilitate Jackson County. Jordan will facilitate Josephine County and will support each other. The council should have met by our next meeting, and we are hoping that a representative will begin to attend these meetings.

**Family Child Care Survey Results**

Jordan: Reviewed questions. 210 responses in English. 15 responses in Spanish. Reviewed results. A little bit of responses from everywhere in both counties. Majority indicated that they couldn’t afford child care by more than 2 to 1. 52% have received subsidized slots. Reviewed barriers to child care, mostly cost. Working to compile their narrative feedback. Will be sharing this with our legislators. Still looking for more responses.

**Child Care Data Update**

Rene: We are about to create a survey to launch the “Sponsor a Child or Teacher” campaign. The CEO of Dutch Bros. is interested in helping us to engage the business community. He is also the chair of the Oregon Business Council.

**Raise Up Oregon 2.0 – Housing Listening Sessions Report Out**

Jordan: Shared slide show (will send out) of listening session data. Shared link to new Raise Up Oregon <https://oregonearlylearning.com/raise-up-oregon> that shows results to date from the hubs. We looked at goals, problems and solutions with providers and families. Emphasized how much families are struggling right now.

**ELD Suspension & Expulsion Plan Update and Regional Efforts**

Rene: Shared ELD’s slides that were presented to The Early Learning Council. We are engaging with stakeholders to gather as much input as possible to share with ELD as they finalize their plan for this work.

Britt: Surveys have been done in our classrooms. The results are so upsetting. 75% felt unsafe in their classrooms in the past 90 days. Swearing, throwing furniture, biting, having to be pulled off other children. It’s no longer a small number of children experiencing the most difficult behaviors.

**Legislative Update**

Tomorrow is the state revenue forecast day. Waiting to hear if there will be cuts to the hubs. Stacy added that EI/ECSE has heard that they should expect a 5% cut from ODE even with increased services. They have a new partnership with a specialist at Multnomah that should allow them to bill Medicaid.

**Motion to Adjourn:**

Vote taken, approved Stacy Inman

2nd – Cynthia Anderson

Adjourned at 3:42 p.m.

**Next Meeting: July 18, 2023 2:30-4:30 p.m.**

**Next steps:**

Britt shared out the blank teacher survey with Rene (as an editor) so that Cynthia will then send out to other providers so that their voices can be heard as well.