

Kids Central Incorporated  
Board of Directors  
And  
Policy Council Meeting  
September 20, 2005

The Board of Directors and Policy Council of Kids Central Incorporated met on August 16, 2005 at the John Van Diver Community Building in Coeburn, VA. Donald Baker, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

Board Members present: George Aichel, Jewell Askins, Donald Baker, Paul Buchanan, Ed Hutchinson, Shannon Scott, and Jim O'Quinn

Policy Council Members Present: Elizabeth Vitatoe, Rick Sutherland, Zelma Aichel, and Boyce Little

Staff present: Darrell Edwards, Roger Ramey, Kim Addison, Lisa Barton, Sandra Willis, Ken Smith, Chris Austin, Paula Bates and Mary Collins

The Policy Council did not have enough members present for a quorum.

Minutes:

Donald Baker asked if anyone had any comments or questions regarding the minutes from the last meeting. Ed Hutchinson made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as written. Paul Buchanan seconded the motion. The motion carried. For future clarity, Ed Hutchinson stated that he contacted the Weldon Cooper Center regarding proper documentation of the closed session portion of meetings. They stated that a motion must be made to return to open session and this motion must be documented in the minutes. Once returned to open session, a certification vote shall be taken and this too shall be documented in the minutes.

Finance Report:

Lisa Barton gave the financial report. We have received our COLA funds, \$31,948 for Head Start and \$4,302 for Early Head Start. We are still waiting on our reduction in our enrollment and funding. Three scenarios have been sent to Philadelphia for the changes to the budget. We have spent approximately 15% of Head Start funds and 17.5% Early Head Start funds this year.

PC Report:

The Policy Council report was not given but copies of the minutes were given to members in their packet.

Old Business:

Clinchco Center:

We received a letter from Greg Stewart concerning the Patton property in Clinchco. There are some issues concerning the mining rights of this property. In his letter, Mr. Stewart states those rights could substantially interfere with the use of the surface of the property.

Jim O'Quinn states that most property in Clinchco has this stipulation for mining rights in their deeds, especially land located on the same street as the Patton property. Shannon Scott questions if this might help to lower the asking price of the property.

George Aichel states that in light of the letter from Greg Stewart, will Kids Central still want to purchase this land after three years? Darrell stated he does not know what will happen in three years. We are going to apply for a grant to purchase the property.

Donald Baker wants to know what the staff wants. Darrell states we want to take the three-year lease and we will be able to walk away from the lease agreement if necessary. With thirty-four (34) children now located in the Haysi center, we need to move the Clinchco center as soon as possible. The Board and Policy Council both approved the lease with option to buy agreement at last month's meetings. Donald Baker states he feels the asking price is too high.

George Aichel states that in light of our recent history, he feels it might be best to contact Philadelphia and let them know what is going on with this situation. Lisa Barton stated that Joe Mistretta was present at the last meeting and he had questions concerning the property. He is aware of the situation with Centennial Heights, Clinchco and Haysi.

Paul Buchanan states that we need space and this is only a lease agreement and it does not lock us in to purchase the property so we should go ahead and lease it.

Jewell Askins states that she has concerns regarding this property: (1) the price of the property and (2) have we exhausted all other possibilities of options?

Darrell stated it would cost approximately \$20,000 to move our unit from Centennial Heights to the new Clinchco location and set it up. Jewell refers back to the letter from Greg Stewart that states that the provision in the deed could substantially interfere with the use of the surface of the property.

George Aichel made a motion to approve the lease agreement for the Patton property in Clinchco. Paul Buchanan seconded the motion. Discussion on the motion is as follows:

Shannon Scott states that in three years from now, we will have invested money into this property and feel that we should go ahead and purchase the land. Chris Austin states that there were only two other options for property, one across the street from the Patton property for approximately \$40,000 and one approximately 2 miles from the Patton property for approximately \$20,000. Neither property has a lease with option to buy agreement. We do not have the funds to purchase the land up front.

Donald Baker asked if Mr. Patton might be willing to discuss the final purchase price after the three-year lease. Darrell stated that we could make him an offer.

Shannon Scott states he does not see any other alternative because we need a location and we do not have enough funds to purchase property.

Donald Baker asked for a vote on the motion. There were six (6) ayes and one (1) nay. Motion carried.

New Business:

New Hires:

The following is a list of new hires to Kids Central:

Misty Stanley – Teacher for Clintwood

Kiley Vanover – EHS Home Visitor

Catherine Moore – Customer Service Representative

Carrie Burke – Disabilities Coordinator

Nancy Brock – Substitute (on-call)

Jennifer Mullins – Bus Monitor – Wise

Dixie Pless – Substitute (on-call)

Jarrad Addison – Bus Driver – Wise

Regina Conaway – Substitute (on-call)

Michelle Edwards – Substitute (on-call)

Angela Gibson – Substitute (on-call)

Paul Buchanan made a motion to accept the above new hires. Jim O’Quinn seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The Nita Bond Center:

At this time the staff and children from our Coeburn I center were introduced to the meeting. Darrell Edwards began by stated we were here to celebrate Ms. Nita Bond. The Coeburn I center will now be called the Nita Bond Center. A plaque was read by Donald Baker stating the dedication of the center to Nita Bond. A picture of Ms. Bond along with the plaque will be placed inside the center for everyone to see.

Ms. Bond thanked the Board, Policy Council and staff for this honor. Mary Collins stated that it was a pleasure to work with Ms. Bond. She states that Ms. Bond taught her and her children in school.

The next Board Meeting:

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held October 18, 2005 at 11:00 a.m. at the Kids Central Administration Office.

Paul Buchanan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ed Hutchinson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

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Edward Hutchinson, Sr.

Secretary