

Kids Central Incorporated Board of Directors Meeting September 15, 2009

The Board of Directors of Kids Central Incorporated met September 15, 2009 at Kids Central's Center Building in Esserville. Teresa Adkins, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 11:04 a.m.

Board Members present: Teresa Adkins, David Belcher, Edward Hutchinson, Sister Bernie Kenny, Carl Mullins, and Shirley Rogers

Staff present: Darrell Edwards, Lisa Barton, Kim Austin, Chris Austin and Sandra Harvey

Minutes:

Sister Bernie Kenny presented the minutes from the last meeting (August 18, 2009). **Shirley Rogers made a motion to approve the minutes of the last. David Belcher seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Finance Report

Lisa Barton reported we are three (3) months into our fiscal year. All staff are now at work and our expenses are picking up. We have currently spent approximately 12.5% of our Head Start funds and 21% of our Early Head Start funds through August.

Our in-kind contributions are starting to pick up where everyone is back to school.

We renewed our medical insurance with no changes, renewed our short-term disability with an increase payout of a maximum of \$1000 per week. Our worker's compensation policy will renew in November and we are currently looking for quotes on our general liability insurance.

Policy Council Report

Darrell Edwards reported that this time of the year is hard for members of the Policy Council to attend meetings. Parents of enrolled children that will be leaving the program to attend Kindergarten usually will not attend any meetings once our centers have closed for the summer.

The new Policy Council members will be seated during October's meeting. We hope to have at least one representative from each center and home base plus an alternate attend this meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

- Early Head Start Expansion Grant. We have not heard any response as of yet concerning our Early Head Start Expansion Grant. Darrell says he feels good about the grant. This will allow us to add one Early Head Start classroom and two (2) Early Head Start Home Visitors.
- One Time Funds. Darrell stated that we have been approved to purchase two new buses (funds for one bus plus a down payment for another).
- RADA Grant. Darrell stated that all the paperwork is completed for the RADA grant to purchase two new buses. We are just waiting on the funds.

- Open House/Pool Party. An open house/pool party was held at the Wise Pool on August 21st for all children enrolled in our program for the 2009 – 2010 school year. The party was a huge success with over 200 people attending.

NEW BUSINESS

- New Hires/Transfers. Chris Austin reported that the following people have been hired/promoted by Kids Central:
 - Lee Hyde – Classroom Assistant – Esserville
 - Christina Barton – Promoted from Classroom Assistant at Esserville to an Early Head Start Home Visitor

Edward Hutchinson made a motion to approve the above listed new hires and transfers. Sister Bernie Kenny seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- Monthly Enrollment Report. Chris stated that the enrollment report he gave to members of the Board was only for one day because children started back on August 31st. As of today, we have twenty-four (24) on waiting lists and seven (7) applications being processed.

We must have 360 children enrolled in our program every day. Most of the children that are on our waiting list are there due to being over income. We are only allowed a maximum of 36 (10% of total enrollment) children enrolled that are classified as over income.

Chris pointed out that our openings in the centers go to the child who needs the services the most, not necessarily by an opening at one specific center. Meaning if there is an opening at Wise, but there is a child in Appalachia that really needs our services, we can take that slot and enroll the child at Appalachia instead of filling a seat at Wise.

FOR THE GOOD OF KIDS CENTRAL/COMMENTS

Darrell told the Board members that the image of Kids Central in our community is that we are child experts. We have a great staff that is active in the community. Chris Austin is now on the National Head Start Board, he is current serving a term of President of the Virginia Head Start Association.

Kids Central has done a lot of good work but we must continue doing more. In by doing so, we will continue to grow.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Kids Central Board of Directors will be October 20, 2009 at 11:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, **Carl Mullins made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Shirley Rogers seconded the motion. Motion carried.** The meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Sister Bernie Kenny
Secretary

Sandra Harvey
Recording Secretary