

Kids Central Incorporated

Joint Meeting of Board of Directors And Policy Council

December 12, 2007

The Board of Directors and the Policy Council met on Wednesday, December 12, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. at Mosby's Restaurant in Wise.

Board members present: Teresa Adkins, Donald Baker, Charles Hay, Edward Hutchinson, Sister Bernie Kenny, Shirley Rogers, Shannon Scott, Carl Mullins, Jason French, and Roy Munsey

Policy Council members present: Joan McFall, Gaynell Deaton, Sara Taylor, Tonya Noel, Darla Steele, Kim Thompson, Becky Whited, Lora Meade, Melissa Bateman, Karen Church, and Cindy Hamblin

Staff Present: Darrell Edwards, Chris Austin, Kim Sanders, Lisa Barton, Mary Collins, Sandra Harvey, Teresa Barnette, Lisa Bentley, Katherine Price, Teresa Wade, Terry Gentry, Leslie Graves, and Tammy Mullins

Darrell Edwards began the meeting by recognizing and thanking the Board of Directors and the Policy Council for the outstanding work they do.

Darrell gave a presentation to the Board and Policy Council of Kids Central and the children we serve. Our enrollment is set at 404 and we currently have 417 enrolled.

KCI Bucks Program

KCI Bucks are earned by parents through volunteering in the classroom, attending meetings, participation in field trips, etc. Bucks earned may be redeemed at the parent store located in the Kids Central Administration Office. Darrell took this time to recognize Paula Bates and Gaynell Deaton for a wonderful job with the store. Parents have already been redeeming their bucks.

Year In Review:

Agency

Governance training for the Policy Council was held in October.

We have received a \$35,000 grant from the Department of Social Services for our Early Head Start program to purchase equipment and supplies.

Darrell Edwards has been named Vice-Chairperson and Kim Sanders is the Education Representative for the Southwest Virginia Head Start Association. Chris Austin has been named Vice President of the Virginia Head Start Association.

The St. Paul center was moved to the Oxbow Center. The modular unit was moved to our Esserville location and will be used by Homebase for socializations. The Longs Fork center will move to the Dickenson County Childcare Center during Christmas break.

Every child enrolled in our program has received a backpack filled with supplies. These supplies are replenished as needed.

Education

We have incorporated Ages and Stages into our program.

A weekly debriefing is conducted with every Home Visitor.

We have adapted High Scope Curriculum on bus runs.

Blue Ridge PBS is donating lending libraries to our centers. Every child in our program will receive a book.

Kids Central was a sponsor of Kids Day at Norton's Best Friends Festival.

Family Advocates are now enrolled in Cornell University's Family Service Credential program.

Nutrition

We now have a central store for food for the centers. Twice weekly, food deliveries are sent to the classrooms. Teresa Barnette helps deliver the food and works with Mary Collins with the inventory.

We served 594 Thanksgiving dinners this year.

The job description for our Cooks was changed this year. Cooks are also Assistants in the Classrooms. Their days are to be split two hours cooking and six hours in the classroom.

Transportation

We purchased a twenty-six (26) passenger bus this year.

Health

Dental screenings were completed thanks to a mobile dental clinic that visited our program. We now have 96% of our dental screenings completed.

Hearing screenings have been conducted this year.

Disabilities

All disability screenings have been conducted for this year.

Maintenance

Over 300 work orders have been completed this year.

Kids Central's Theme Song and Mascot

Kids Central now has a new theme song and mascot. Our theme song can be heard on our website. The song will play each time you open our home page. Kasey the Kangaroo has been designed for Kids Central. Kasey will begin making appearances in the classrooms after Christmas.

Darrell closed by saying that the state of Kids Central was great. He expressed his thanks for great work of the Board, Policy Council and staff.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Edward Hutchinson, Board of Directors Secretary

Gaynell Deaton, Policy Council Secretary

Sandra Harvey, Recording Secretary