

Kids Central Incorporated Policy Council Meeting March 14, 2012

The Policy Council of Kids Central Incorporated met on February 14, 2012 at Kids Central's Administration office. Sue Coleman, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 11:03 a.m.

In the absence of the Secretary, Sue Coleman, Chairperson, called the roll.

Present: Brittany Mullins, Mike Standifur, Carolyn Mullins, Samantha Bowens, Randa Mullins, Patricia Brock, Willie Wood, Becky Cavin, Virginia Collins, and Sue Coleman,

Staff present: Darrell Edwards, Terry Gentry, Lisa Bentley, Tammy Mullins, Mary Collins, Paula Bates, Christy Fleming, and Sandra Harvey

Minutes

Sue Coleman presented the minutes from the last meeting (February 8, 2012). With no changes or corrections, **Samantha Bowens made a motion to approve the minutes. Patricia Brock seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Darrell Edwards announced a guest, Karen Davidson, from Appalachian Community Action and Development Agency (AppCAA). Ms. Davidson explained that her agency helps provide services to low income families in our area such as emergency home repairs, water and wastewater services, weatherization, and assistance to low to moderate income families regarding rent and mortgages. The program helps those who live in Lee, Wise, and Scott Counties, as well as the City of Norton, and has limited services in Dickenson County. AppCAA is currently seeking a person to fill a seat on their Board who represents low income families. Patricia Brock and Thomas Williams expressed interest in the position.

Staff Reports

- Finance Report. Christy Fleming presented the Policy Council members with a copy of the financial statements. She reports that she drew down \$250,000. We have currently spent 61% of our total grant and we are 75% thru the fiscal year.

We received a USDA reimbursement for approximately \$20,000.

Christy is currently working on figuring the expenditures we will have for the remainder of the fiscal year. We have met our in-kind contribution requirements for this fiscal year.

Our grant application was submitted.

- Enrollment and Attendance. Lisa Bentley reported that February's attendance was 81.93%. We are fully enrolled and continue to have a waiting list. We are already receiving applications for next program year.

- Education. Tammy Mullins presented copies of the Child Outcomes Analysis to members of the Policy Council. She reports that our children are progressing as they should be. Improvements were made in all areas, however, language and literacy, and cognition and general knowledge are our weakest areas out of the five foundational domains.

The children's last day of school will be May 2nd. The calendar shows April 30th as a no school day, however, children will attend school this day to make up for one of the snow days.

- Disabilities. Terry Gentry reported that we are continuing to enroll disabilities children in the program. We are currently serving over 10% disabilities children in relation to our total enrollment.

- Nutrition. Mary Collins gave copies of the monthly Nutrition Nuggets handout for March. She reported that she attended a food show in Gatlinburg last week and got some good ideas for menus for the upcoming school year.

- Family Involvement. In Lindsey Sturgill's absence, Terry Gentry reported that the winner of our family days competition is the Clinchco center. They had 100% participation at each family day.

Family movie night will be held on Friday, March 30th at the Central Drive-In. The movie will be Alvin and the Chipmunks, Chip Wrecked. We hope to see everyone there.

Kasey's Academy's Knoxville Zoo trip will be on April 13th. Lindsey will be getting details to the parents regarding this trip.

The year-end blast will be held on April 20th from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm at Bullitt Park in Big Stone Gap. All families are invited to attend.

Policy Council Financial Report

Mike Standifur reported the balance in the Policy Council account is \$672.27. However, there was a deposit made in the amount of \$2,000 that is not shown on the financial sheet, which brings the total balance to \$2,672.27.

Old Business

There was no old business to discuss at today's meeting.

New Business

There was no new business to discuss at today's meeting.

Comments/Discussions

Darrell Edwards invited everyone and their families to the year-end blast. He stated that he would like everyone to help with the event because it takes a lot of people to man the activities and assist with the food.

Sue Coleman thanked Carolyn Mullins for taking the time from her job to attend the Policy Council meetings. Carolyn stated that her grandchildren have learned so much from our program and she highly recommends Kids Central.

Brittany Mullins stated that she has had three children in our program and she thinks Kids Central is great.

Becky Cavin stated that she is glad her granddaughter stayed in Kids Central. She has learned a lot and the staff is like family to her.

The next meeting of the Policy Council will be on Wednesday, April 11th, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. at Kids Central's Administration Office.

An executive committee meeting will not be held in March due to the Virginia Head Start Conference.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Tabitha Harvey, Policy Council Secretary

Sandra Harvey, Recording Secretary