

## Minutes of the Meeting of the Navarro County Early Childhood Coalition

**Location of Meeting:** Virtual Zoom Meeting – January 27, 2022

**Present at Meeting:** 27 in Attendance

The meeting was opened by Rachel Gillespie, Program Director

### Agenda for Meeting

The agenda for the meeting was distributed earlier through email.

### Review of Previous Minutes

No minutes from the previous meeting

### Consideration of Open Issues

**Linda S.**, Co-chair – presented a **refresh of the Group Agreements**. She stated we have been together for 2 years now. Asked if there needed to be any changes or updates to the Group Agreements.

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Went to the Networking Breakout Groups

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**Linda S.** – talked about the **Child Care Professionals** week and about all the things that were done for them to make them feel appreciated and needed in the community.

She then went over the **Child Care Professional survey** – 53 responded to the survey and Rachel shared some written comments from the teachers and child care workers.

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**Rachel G.** - Information was given on the **grant application** that was applied for – ARPA funds for an innovation grant that would support families with diapers, wipes and childcare scholarships as well as a position for a Community Resources Specialists. There will be more information in March. Funds would begin in April.

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The new Clear Impact Consultant **Marcos Marquez** was introduced. He led us through a high-level refresh on the Results-Based Accountability process and lead in breakout groups with our RBA Teams.

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**Rachel G.** - discussed the progress on the **Early Development Instrument**. Currently at 64% of students have been assessed across Navarro County. The deadline has been extended through February to give teachers more time to assess students.

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**Rachel G.** - discussed and looked at some data on the **Bright by Text** process. Our goal for 2022 is to get to 500 subscribers. We are currently at 226 subscribers. Need the coalition to send in information about events and resources that are free or low cost to send out to BBT subscribers. Those should be emailed to Rachel.

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**Rachel G.** - discussed beginning of the **Parent Advisory Council**. There will be a Parent Interest meeting on March 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM at the Corsicana Library. This group will meet monthly-bimonthly to give critical feedback to the coalition.

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Plans are starting to come together for the **Spring Break** Little Free Libraries Scavenger Hunt.

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**Rachel G.** - shared the new **Events Calendar** for the coalition for 2022.  
In March there will be a guest speaker from an agency in the coalition.

### **Agenda and Time of Next Meeting**

**Parent Café - February 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Advisory Board Mtg. – February 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Circle of Security Parenting Group begins – February 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Next Meeting -Navarro County Early Childhood Coalition – March 31, 2022**

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The meeting was adjourned by: Rachel Gillespie

Minutes submitted by: Barbara Wood

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