

Minutes of the Meeting of the Navarro County Early Childhood Coalition

Location of Meeting: The Scene on Beaton – May 26, 2022

Present at Meeting: 24 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

Rachel G. – Program Director – opened the meeting with some Project Updates

Gave a recap on the Safety Professionals Week – the professionals were treated to goody bags, box lunches, snacks and drinks. There was also a training provided about Developmental Milestones. 47 professionals were served.

Rachel thanked the Safety committee for all their hard work.

Rachel shared some more information on the Early Childhood Instrument. She mentioned that the United Way helped sponsor. All schools participated except one. 667 students across Navarro County participated. Waiting on map/results should be coming in July. After results are in/printed would like to share data at a meeting to talk about what's next and opportunity to ask questions.

Rachel shared some information on Bright - by – Text – we have 268 subscribers and our goal is 500 for this year. Summer events coming up so opportunity to have more sign-up. The PAC members are all signed up and will be getting some feedback from them in the near future.

Rachel shared some information on Upcoming Events

Child Safety Days – PAC was involved with coming up with topics that they thought were important.

Infant/Child CPR Day- Fire Station – Wade Gilliam will present class. There will be childcare for this event

Safe Sleep – Grace Community Church - Lorie Stovall, AgriLife Extension Office will present class. There will be childcare for this event.

Internet Safety – Grace Community Church – Dr. Lydia Bailey, CAC. There will be childcare for this event.

Rachel had everyone get out their phones for a mentimeter survey on Summer Movie Night in July – The winner was Sing 2

Lynda S. – Talked about having a new Scavenger Hunt at the Fall Break. Discussed some different themes. There were 66 kids that finished the last one we had during the Spring Break.

Lynda/Ashley - gave an update on the new Parent Advisory Council

There have been two meetings of nine members. Dani – Chair and there is a co-chair and two secretaries. They are called PAC for short. Ashley/Lynda are facilitating for now but will transition into PAC taking over the meetings. Will meet at least once a month and parents will make at least one decision per month. Parents can bring their children and VOICE will provide childcare. PAC is really engaged and wants to help community.

Lynda – talked about some special training for PAC.

Faith Rivera - presented some materials on Help Me Grow Free Resources

Rachel - mentioned the Coalition Swag that was purchased

Rachel - mentioned the Bright-By-Text posters that were available

Agenda and Time of Next Meeting

Parent Café – July 7th - 10:00-12:00

Parent Advisory Board –

Navarro County Early Childhood Coalition – July 28th – 1:00 – 3:00

The meeting was adjourned by: Rachel Gillespie

Minutes submitted by: Barbara Wood
