



Meeting Notes
Family Success Alliance Council Meeting
Monday, February 22, 2016
Richard E. Whitted Building

In attendance:

Council: Sheldon Lanier, Charles Blackwood, Jenifer Della Valle, Angela Wilcox, Michael Reinke, Nate Broman-Folks, Jake Henry, Cordelia Henry, Bernadette Pelissier, Miguel Munoz, Luke Smith, Robin Pulver, Aviva Scully, Delores Bailey, Mack Koonce, Liska Lackey, Michael Steiner, Loryn Clark, Debra Farrington, Sharon Freeland

Absent: Katrina Solomon, Mark Dorosin, Alice Denson, Colleen Bridger, Audrey Spence-Horsley, Nate Broman-Folks, Nancy Coston

Staff: Melvyn Blackwell, Meredith McMonigle, Beatrice Parker, Angela Clapp, Alizarina Rojas, Mariela Hernandez, Rebecca Crawford, Donna King, Allison Young, Micah Guindon

Guest: Nick Allen, Laurie Williamson, Ambra Wilson, Beth Swain, Merrily Cheek,

Welcome

Michael Steiner started the meeting with a welcome. He welcomed everyone to provide any announcements or updates that they may want to share with the council. Michael discussed the agenda and the action items of expanding council representation and budget recommendations.

Project Updates

Meredith provided communication updates. She reminded everyone that the communications team recently put out the FSA's first newsletter. She announced that there was a recent article in News and Observer about the BOCC retreat, and a big discussion piece at this retreat was the FSA.

Meredith pointed out the GAP analysis report inside council member's packets. She discussed the significance of this report and the commitment of the FSA to gather information and perspective from the community. She encouraged council members to share this report among their networks.

She noted that the communications work group is working on getting the FSA a standalone website.

Angela Wilcox reported that she and Robin Pulver will be heading up Work Group 1. Work group 1 met on January 28, 2016, and had 28 attendees. She explained that the group had great discussions but was not able to touch on indicator 2. The highlights from the discussions to address indicator 1 were: family planning, and identifying or reaching out to families that are not linked to agencies or schools. The next meeting will be March 3, 2016.

Sheldon reported that he and Jake will be heading up Work Group 2. They will have their first meeting on March 1, 2016.

Loryn reported that she and Delores will be heading up Work Group 3. They had their first meeting February 19, 2016. During this meeting they focused on indicator 2: Increasing the number of parent reports that they read to their children 3-4 times a week. They had a group of about 10 representatives of local non-profits that discussed programs and organization that already support indicator 2 and ideas to collaborate with organizations in the future, in efforts to support both indicators. At the next meeting the group plans to prioritize those ideas.

Liska explained that the governance group has proposed expanding council representation to elected officials. The advisory council discussed expanding council representation. Dr. Steiner prompted those who plan to reach out to elected officials, to get their feedback on adding them to the FSA advisory council. These elected officials must decide if they would be able to allocate their time and effort to be on the advisory council. Then have the governance group evaluate and discuss said feedback. The governance group will then debrief the advisory council.

Budget Recommendations

Meredith discussed FSA programming over the course of last year and this year. She explained the main programming of the FSA's budget was: Zone Navigator Team, FSA partners (9), and Out of School Time Programming. For the upcoming summer, she noted that the FSA plans to continue the Kindergarten readiness program. The FSA plans to enroll about 90 new rising kindergarteners. She proposed adding a summer literacy and enrichment camp for rising first graders (our 1st cohort of kids from the kindergarten readiness program). The programs will incorporate parent orientation and parent workshops, and end of program celebrations. Transportation and meals will be provided to children. The FSA will also develop after school enrichment programs in the fall and spring. She explained the budget request will cover through 2017.

Rebecca Crawford presented the FSA budget request for fiscal year 2016-2017, and this current year's budget. Dr. Steiner made a motion to approve the proposed budget for FY 2016-2017 and this year's budget. The motion was seconded and all council members present were in favor of approving the proposed budgets.

Wrap up

Michael reminded the council to complete their meeting evaluations forms. Melvyn noted that he will be receiving evaluation forms. He also reminded all council members make sure that they have signed in.