

Meeting Notes
Family Success Alliance Council Meeting
Monday, June 20, 2016
Whitted Building

In attendance:

Council: Bernadette Pelissier, Nancy Coston, Michael Steiner, Alice Denson, Liska Lackey, Angela Wilcox, Nate Broman-Fulks, Cordelia Heaney, Sharon Freeland, Luke Smith, Deloris Bailey, Michael Reinke, Aviva Scully, Robin Pulver, Jen Della Valle, Audrey Spencer-Horsley, Penny Rich, Mack Koonce

Absent: Charles Blackwood, Loryn Clark, Miguel Munoz, Debra Farrington, Katrina Solomon, Colleen Bridger, Jake Henry, Sheldon Lanier

Staff: Coby Austin, Stacy Shelp, Melvyn Blackwell, Meredith McMonigle, Allison Young, Angela Clapp, Mariela Hernandez, Kenyatta Clark

Welcome

Michael Steiner opened the meeting with a welcome. He introduced Penny Rich as a new Council member. Penny will be replacing Mark Dorosin.

Project Updates

Stacy Shelp informed the Council that media training went well. She noted that there were about 17 individuals (Council members, Backbone staff, and FSA partners) in attendance. Stacy encouraged members to visit the new FSA ghost site here: http://www.orangecountync.gov/fsa_resources.php

She explained the website is not linked to the OCHD site. She noted that the ghost site has all FSA information, handouts, and other FSA documents. She stated that the site is for all Council members to use and have access to. She will make sure that all the members have the link to the ghost site. Stacy announced that the official FSA website will be coming soon.

Coby Austin provided FSA evaluation update, in Allison Young's absence. Coby reviewed the evaluation document prepared by Allison. Coby explained the new approach FSA will be using to collect data, using the Efforts to Outcome software. There will be assessments for the FSA K-readiness staff to assess the impact of the program. The FSA will also be working with our school partners, Frank Porter Graham Child Development Institute, and UNC Pediatrics to do some program evaluation and conduct a longitudinal cohort study.

Navigators provided updates on the families they have/and are working with. Navigators shared some success stories and some crises as they relate to their families.

Meredith McMonigle noted that at the August Council meeting, there will be a presentation of quantitative survey data as it relates to the work navigators have done. The Council would like to know gaps navigator families have identified.

Meredith provided updates on out of school time programming. She reminded the Council of the budget approval for this year's K-readiness and rising 1st grader program, this summer. She announced that the program will be enrolling 90 children (60 in Zone 6, 30 in Zone 4) in the K-readiness program, this summer. The recruitment was targeting children that don't have any head-start programming opportunities. Parent workshops will be a part of the summer program.

Coby discussed the school innovation seed fund proposal. She explained that there is an available \$10,000 in the budget. The Council discussed said proposal. Delores Bailey made a motion to invite all zone schools to apply for the innovation fund in the amount of \$2,500, and the motion was seconded. All members were in favor of said motion, and it was decided that applications will be open to all pilot zone schools. Only four schools will be chosen and given \$2,500, in an effort of collaboration and to support at least one FSA goal. The governance group will develop an application process and rubric.

Strategic Planning Work Group Reports

Coby presented and discussed the draft for the upcoming strategic plan (July 2016 –June 2018). She identified the goals and their indicators, for the strategic plan, on large easel paper-boards around the room. She encouraged Council members to place their ideas and suggestions (feedback) for said goals and indicators on post-it notes. After this exercise, Coby informed the Council that all feedback will be compiled and discussed at the next Council meeting.

FSA backbone staff will notify Council member organizations and other partner organizations, on how the new strategic plan will be implemented and the roles each organization will play to support it.

Wrap up

Michael Steiner reminded the Council of the next meeting, on Monday, August 22, 2016. Dr. Steiner reminded Council members to complete evaluation forms.