

FIRST 5 SAN BENITO CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

Meeting Minutes January 5, 2005

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dr. Elizabeth Falade called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM

2. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Dr. Elizabeth Falade, Lou Medeiros, Kim Dryden, Kathy Flóres, Kendra Bobsin and Dr. Marni Friedman

Commissioners Excused: Jaime De La Cruz, Donna Caffiero, Ricki Mazzullo

County Personnel Present: Casey Castillo, First 5 Executive Director, Martha Ruíz, First 5 Staff Services Analyst, Irma València, County Counsel

Guests present: Linda Smith, R.O. Hardin Elementary School Principal

3. ACKNOWLEDGE OF POSTING OF AGENDA

Confirmation was made of agenda posting in Rooms 8 & 10 of the Early Learning Center site on Line Street.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES/MONTHLY BUDGET REPORT

Kim Dryden moved to approve the minutes for December 2004 and the Commission and School Readiness budgets for November 2004. Dr. Friedman seconded the motion and it was approved.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS/AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

It was noted that Jaime De La Cruz has replaced Pat Loe as the commission member representing the Board of Supervisors.

6. COMMUNICATION

- a. There was no audience communication.
- b. There was no written communication.
- c. Below is a brief summary of Casey Castillo's Executive Director Report:
 - Casey has been reviewing policies and is waiting for final Guidelines from GFOA.
 - Several First 5 Grantees have signed up to attend the 1-Day Sustainability training scheduled for next month.
 - The Board of Supervisors finalized the Rural Mobile Preschool contract with Tres Pinos Union School District.
 - Training for Grantees on the PEDS Evaluation System was held in place of a Grantee meeting in December.
 - Casey has been in communication with CS and O and SRI on PEDS issues. Casey will be meeting with Grantees on their PEDS data input.
 - The Vice-President and other staff from Harder+Company met with Casey to discuss their first quarter reports.

7. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

- a. Below is a brief summary of Joyce Swett's School Readiness Report:
 - The School Readiness Plan has been revised. Joyce reviewed portions of the revised plan with the Commission.
 - The first meeting for the Parent Book Club has been scheduled on January 25th. The meeting will be in English & Spanish.
 - Joyce is planning to collaborate with Child Care Health Linkages on mental health activities focusing on behavioral issues for preschool aged children.
- b. Casey Castillo reviewed 2 major assembly bills concerning Prop. 10. The Commission shared their concerns on what issues needed clarification with Casey.
- c. The Strategic Planning Subcommittee agreed to meet on the 18th of this month in order to prepare for the 1-Day Community Event. The 1-day Community Event is tentatively planned for Wednesday, February 2nd.
- d. The Commission reviewed Harder+Company's 03-04 Evaluation Report.

8. ACTION

None.

9. OTHER - FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Prop. 10 funded Dental agencies are expected to make a presentation to the Commission within the next 2 months.
- Casey Castillo and Joyce Swett will make a presentation to the Hollister School District in February. The presentation will focus on the activities associated with the School Readiness Project.
- Next meeting is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 2, 2005 in Suite 9 of the Early Learning Center at 1011 Line Street - Hollister. This meeting may also encompass the 1-Day Community Event.

10. CLOSED SESSION

None

11. ADJOURN

Kathy Flóres made a motion for adjournment, which was seconded by Dr. Friedman. The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 AM.