



PRESCHOOL COORDINATOR ADVISORY GROUP (PCAG)

SUMMARY

Oct. 27, 2022

PRESENT: Whitney Stevenson, Kristy Lewis, Carlena Sheeran, Jennifer Walrod, Whitney Fowler, Cymbre Crisologo, Ashla VanHoose, Chris Westerfield, Susan Mathews, Jennifer Walrod, Kim Whitt

ABSENT: None

SUMMARY:

Agenda Item: Roll Call

Presenter: Whitney Stevenson, PCAG Chair, Associate Director of Early Childhood, Fayette County Public Schools

Summary of Discussion: Roll call was completed. All members were present.

Agenda Item: Welcome

Presenter: Whitney Stevenson, PCAG Chair, Associate Director of Early Childhood, Fayette County Public Schools

Summary of Discussion: Stevenson welcomed the group, introduced the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) staff who were present and thanked everyone for their participation.

Agenda Item: Review of Norms

Presenter: Whitney Stevenson, PCAG Chair, Associate Director of Early Childhood, Fayette County Public Schools

Summary of Discussion: Stevenson reviewed the purpose of the group and the group norms.

Agenda Item: Review and Approval of Last Meeting Minutes

Presenter: Whitney Stevenson, PCAG Chair, Associate Director of Early Childhood, Fayette County Public Schools

Summary of Discussion: Stevenson shared time for the group to review the last meeting minutes. The minutes were approved upon the motion of Lewis, seconded by Walrod. All members were in agreement.

Agenda Item: Introduction of New Council Members

Presenter: Whitney Stevenson, PCAG Chair, Associate Director of Early Childhood, Fayette County Public Schools

Summary of Discussion: Stevenson introduced new council members. Each member stated their name, district and the region they represent.

Agenda Item: American Rescue Plan (ARP) Team Discussion

Presenters: Whitney Stevenson, PCAG Chair, Associate Director of Early Childhood, Fayette County Public Schools

Summary of Discussion: Alisha Reeves discussed the American Rescue Plan funding an early learning team and their work projects to benefit Kentucky's early childhood programs. Projects such as the positive behavioral intervention and support (PBIS) Pyramid Model, Office of Special Education and Early Learning guides, teacher leader communities and the United We Learn vision were discussed.

Agenda Item: Mixed Delivery Models Discussion

Presenters: Whitney Stevenson, PCAG Chair, Associate Director of Early Childhood, Fayette County Public Schools

Summary of Discussion: Stevenson discussed the shared goals of the Early Childhood Task Force to continue to engage the regional training centers and the community in the conversations focused on the mixed delivery preschool model. Andrea Bartholomew stated that the preschool contracts help partnerships align.

Agenda Item: Child Outcome Summary (COS) Discussion

Presenters: Whitney Stevenson, PCAG Chair, Associate Director of Early Childhood, Fayette County Public Schools

Summary of Discussion: The PCAG discussed implementation across districts. Westerfield and Stevenson offered to share resources developed within their local education agency to make the transition of COS easier.

Agenda Item: Enrollment Count Discussion

Presenters: Whitney Stevenson, PCAG Chair, Associate Director of Early Childhood, Fayette County Public Schools

Summary of Discussion: PCAG members each shared their experiences with enrollment within their local education agency. Some had experienced steady increases, while some had experienced decreases.

Agenda Item: Open Discussion

Presenter: Whitney Stevenson, PCAG Chair, Associate Director of Early Childhood, Fayette County Public Schools

Summary of Discussion: The PCAG members discussed important topics that they intend to set as priorities:

1. Teacher Case Load: Team members discussed how local education agencies can address teacher case load/case size on a local level, recognizing that state-wide change could only come as a result of regulatory change.
2. Methods to improved communication between First Steps and local education agencies.
3. How can the council help relieve preschool teacher frustration to reduce the teacher turn over to kindergarten?

Agenda Item: Closing Remarks and Exit Slip

Presenter: Andrea Bartholomew, School Readiness Branch Manager, Division of Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Implementation and Results, Office of Special Education and Early Learning, Kentucky Department of Education

Summary of Discussion: Bartholomew gave closing remarks and addressed the exit slip, and the continuance of using the hybrid approach for future advisory council meetings.

Agenda Item: Adjourn

Presenter: Whitney Stevenson, PCAG Chair, Associate Director of Early Childhood Fayette County Public Schools

Summary of Discussion: The group adjourned upon the motion of Walrod, seconded by Lewis. All members agreed. The next meeting date was set for Jan. 26, 2023, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. using a hybrid format.