

RMDC, Inc. Head Start Policy Council

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Policy Council Meeting Minutes August 29, 2019

Facilitator: Mark Young

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The meeting began at 1:00 p.m.

Public comment on items on the agenda: Facilitator asked for any public comment on items; there was none.

Policy Council Members Present: Mark Young, Farrahl Johnson, Trever Kirkland, Trista Vonada, Ericka Vallance

PC Members Excused: Regan Johnson

PC Members Unexcused: Jennifer Reed

3 members are needed for a quorum. A quorum was established.

Guests: Taya Hovan, Ashley Pena-Larsen, Jaymie Hazel, Gary Carey and Maureen Bjerke

Correspondence: none

Agenda Review: Facilitator reviewed the agenda.

June 27, 2019 Policy Council Minutes: Reviewed minutes. Trever Kirkland moved to approved the June 27, 2019 Policy Council minutes. Ericka Vallance seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Treasurer's Report: Ashley reported the May, June and July budgets. Ericka Vallance moved to approve the May, June and July treasurer's reports. Farrahl Johnson seconded. The vote was unanimous.

- a. **Fund Raiser Spending:** Will not be spending the money at this time. If something comes up staff can request financial support as needed. Jaymie noted that there is a conference in October that may be something families may want to attend. Was noted that this would be a good investment for the parents. Will send out the information PC and potential PC parents. Ericka Vallance recommended setting aside up to \$2000 to send parents to the conference in Billings. Farrahl Johnson seconded. All approved.
- b. **Fund Raiser:** Ashley noted that PC

Personnel Approval: Ashley noted that Shelley has over 30 years of experience. Ericka Vallance moved to approve hiring Shelley McClain as the coach for Rocky Head Start. Trever Kirkland seconded. All approved.

RMDC Board Report: Lori announced that Jim Marks is taking over Area IV. The board voted on the strategic planning update and talked a little bit about Red Alder. The senior center in East Helena was closed. Meals on Wheels will be delivering the meal now. The board approved the budget for the year.

Director's Report: Ashley talked about some of the things happening in the program and all the changes that are happening at the beginning of this school year. Mark asked for clarification on where classroom moved. Ashley noted that after all the changes Ray Bjork lost two classrooms, one of which moved to Bryant. The other is lost slots to serve children. The rest of the program has the same number of sites and classes. Farrahl Johnson moved to approve the Director's Report and budget and to move the PC decision on to the Board for their decision. Trever Kirkland seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Policy Council Recruitment/ Parent needs: Jaymie noted that six families had to withdraw from the program due to a need for full day care. Jaymie said this is something that could be done with a community-based solution through contracting or having parents offer an after school program for families in need. She asked if this is something Policy Council wanted to tackle. The program can't be the ones to mobilize the conversation but can offer a space to have it. Ericka and Gary said they would help with the organization of this. Possible partnership with Family Outreach.

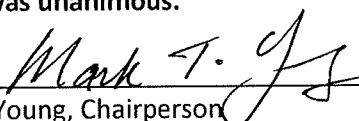
Today's Meeting Evaluation:

Pluses: none stated

Wishes: none stated

Next Meeting: Sept 26, 2019 at 1:00

Adjournment: Ericka Vallance moved to adjourn the meeting at 2.00 p.m. Trever Kirkland seconded. The vote was unanimous.



Mark Young, Chairperson

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