

The regular meeting of Somerset County Head Start's Policy Council was held Monday, March 26 @ Hoss's restaurant. Those in attendance were: Jessica Culp, Anitta Trimpey, Stacy LoGreco, Jade Terry, Buffy Schrug, Mary Beeman, June Stimmel, Karen Serball, Brooke McKenzie, Susan Phillips and Jennifer Custer. Alex Robertson, Linda McDonough and Sharon Pugh also attended. Kay McKelvy and Linda Scherer, federal reviewers, also attended.

After lunch, Jessica called the meeting to order. Anitta made a motion, seconded by Stacy, to approve the minutes.

Motion passed unanimously.

Linda explained Cost-of Living Adjustment (COLA). The letter from Regional Office giving the amounts for which Somerset County Head Start and Early Head Start could apply was in the packets. Linda said that a 1% increase with applicable fringe benefits could be paid for from those amounts. Susan made a motion, seconded by Karen to approve applying for the COLA funds and increasing wages by 1% for Head Start and Early Head Start employees.

Motion passed unanimously.

There was no executive director's report. The Board approved hiring David Mrozowski at their meeting last week. He will assume his duties in July. The Interim Executive Director, Jim Marker, had started his new job in Harrisburg and was unable to attend.

Linda distributed and reviewed the director's report.

Stacy made a motion, seconded by Mary, to approve applying for a HSSAP grant.

Motion passed unanimously.

Anitta made a motion, seconded by Susan, to approve applying for a PA Pre-K Counts grant reapplication.

Motion passed unanimously.

Linda distributed the latest edition of the Preschool Press which had pictures of the children doing school readiness activities.

The revised December fiscal reports for both Head Start and Early Head Start were reviewed.

June made a motion, seconded by Jennifer, to approve Head Start's December fiscal report.

Motion passed unanimously.

Karen made a motion, seconded by Mary, to approve Early Head Start's December fiscal report.

Motion passed unanimously.

Anitta made a motion, seconded by Susan, to approve January's fiscal report for Head Start.

Motion passed unanimously.

Anitta made a motion, seconded by Susan, to approve January's fiscal report for Early Head Start.

Motion passed unanimously.

Center reports were given for Confluence, Kantner 1 and 2, and Maple Ridge. Mary Beeman talked about Early Head Start socialization.

Community/Agency reports

Susan Phillips, IU#08, Karen Serball, Penn State Extension Office and Brooke McKenzie, Twin Lakes reported on their activities.

Committee reports:

The Executive committee met March 20 and put packets together.

The Community/Parental Concerns committee, By-Laws committee and Recruitment /Selection committee met on March 20 and will have information for the next packet.

New Business

Linda reviewed the revised code of conduct which employees of Head Start, Early Head Start and all of Tableland will need to sign.

Mary made a motion, seconded by Jennifer, to approve the code of conduct.

Motion passed unanimously.

The Executive Committee will meet April 17. The next Policy Council meeting will be April 23.

Anitta made a motion, seconded by Buffy, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion passed unanimously.

Policy Council members were asked to stay for the Policy Council interview.

Respectfully submitted,

Jade Terry