

**BMELH Governance Meeting
3-9-20**

Members Present: Maureen McGrath, Executive Director of UMCHS; Lloyd Commander, Cay-Uma-Wa Head Start Program Manager; Dorothy Powell, Education Supervisor, OCDC; Lori Hale, Principal PELC; Katy Mabry, Parent; Lidwinner Machado, District Manager, DHS; Jon Peterson, BMELH/IMESD; Amy Hoffert, BMELH; Cade Burnette, EI/ECSE Deputy Director, IMESD; Erin Bartsch, BMELH; Hannah Williams, Parent Engagement Coordinator, BMELH and Kim Thul, BMELH.

Joined by Zoom: Robert Kleng, EOHS Director; Linda Watson, EOCCO Children's Health & Community Supervisor; Kathy Bonney, Community Bank Branch Manager.

Guest present: Tobie Sass, UMCHS

The meeting was called to order at 11:10 am by Maureen McGrath.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:

Everyone present at the meeting introduced themselves.

PUBLIC COMMENT

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Lidwinner Machado moved and Lori Hale seconded to approve the minutes from the January 9, 2020 meeting as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

ACTION ITEMS – There were none.

REPORTS:

- ECPT/Coordinators Report – These were included in the board packet for the group to read over as they had time.
- Parent Engagement Coordinator -Hannah Williams
 - Hannah reported she met with Mary Lou from UMCHS and discussed parent café's for kindergarten readiness and they are working on selecting communities to do these in. They hope to start in April. These will focus on what parents should expect when their kids start kindergarten.
- Preschool Promise- Cade Burnette
 - Cade shared the following about preschool promise:
 - RFA came out and due April 2nd
 - Those who apply will be notified May 4th
 - Our region will get between 150-250 slots
 - The committee met and we came up with the following for our region:
 - EOHS, OCDC, IMESD, UMCHS AND PRN will be applying for slots. The total amongst all of these agencies are:
 - 134 Conversion Slots
 - 205-237 additional slots
 - 339-371 total slots

PRESENTATIONS:

- Kindergarten Assessment Results – Cade Burnette
Cade discussed the handout with the results of districts in our region. He noted the Hub region is still behind the state average in some things but have made significant improvements. Still have some areas we need to focus on.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- Coordinated Enrollment- Erin Bartsch
Erin explained that the Hub will be responsible for enrollment, marketing, selection and recruitment for pre-school promise applicants. Head starts can do their own and we will still do the marketing. We will be getting funds to hire an enrollment specialist that will be at least .75 FTE. We will also receive funding for marketing, translation, travel and for record keeping. Hoping to contract with entities that are already doing recruitment so we don't double up. We are wanting to assemble a committee from each agency that will be utilizing the system. This system will start with preschool promise and eventually turn into a 0-5 system. Erin and Amy are attending a career expo in April and will also be visiting other hubs to see how they are doing this.

Legislative Update – Jon Peterson

- School Success Act – work continues on this. All school districts have access to SIA funds - they just need to craft a plan and submit to state by April 15. SIA plans have to focus some or all of: increasing instructional time for students and/or reducing class size and/or expanding programs to offer more opportunities and/or student health and safety. A lot more districts are getting involved in the kindergarten transition programs.
- Short legislative session with no progress due to the walkout. The Regional program is greatly underfunded for our highest needs' kids. Our visually impaired teacher covers seven counties. Is there something we can do as a group to help with this situation?

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Governance Meeting - May 11, 2020

2020 Spring diversity conference – April 27th at Pendleton Convention Center (PCC)

STEAM conference - August 17th at PCC – cost is \$140.00 – pre-K and kinder teachers – hoping the Hub can scholarship some folks to come. 200 slots is max. Needs to know by June 1st.

Conscious Discipline Summer Institute - July 6-10 at Armand Larive in Hermiston – Hub has some scholarship seats and helper apps are on our website.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 11:58 am.

Respectfully submitted by Kim Thul.