

Associate of Science
Early Childhood Education Advisory Committee
Spring Meeting Minutes
Friday, April 10th 2015
1:00 PM
Pasadena Community Church Life Enrichment Center,
227 70th St S, St. Petersburg

Present: Anne Ryan, Debbie Barker, Gail Ramsdell, Ann Hofmeister, Angela Loring, Vikki Yates, Yvonne Malague, Bonnie Fletcher, Gino Cote, Susan Weber, Patty Lister, Rosaria Pipitone

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order on 1:19 p.m. by interim Chairperson Gino Cote

Read and Approve September 9th 2014 Meeting Minutes:

Question: Ann H - Are there any Early Childhood Courses offered on Gibbs campus? Answered by Anne R – Blended classes on campus are only offered on the Clearwater Campus at this time.

Yvonne Malague motion to approve

Angela Loring 2nd

Minutes approved

OLD BUSINESS

ECE/COE Classroom on Clearwater Campus: New classroom in NM Building room 220. There is more space and more storage. Everyone is still getting settled into the new space.

12-Credit Certificates: This certificate is considered a step from CDA. It was deemed that it is good for people to have a completion or for someone who has another degree but seeking courses in Early Childhood. The student will complete the four courses, apply to 'graduate' with the Certificate (\$30 fee). The exact process is in review.

Infant/Toddler Courses: These are courses offered that concentrate on the zero to three year olds.

Leepa-Rattner Exhibit Full STEAM Ahead Grant: Grant is completed. A lot of curriculum came out of it. Still have kits for building and measurement that they want to put into classrooms. It was found that if teachers have the materials they will use them. There is more money to spend and it will be used to put together more kits.

FCCECEN Meeting DT Campus October: SPC hosted meeting at Downtown Campus, all went well.

ECE Conference PAEYC Seminole Campus January: SPC hosted this conference on the Seminole campus. It was a good conference and well attended.

NEW BUSINESS

ELC Conference Presentation, February 2015: There are 8 or 9 Centers doing activities with Children from STEAM Ahead Grant. Two former students plus Anne presented the outcomes at the ELC Conference.

Update on Certificates: Reported in old business.

COE Center for Excellence Grant: This is a National Grant of five million dollars be distributed to five Universities over a three year period. SPC was one of the recipients. It was determined that curriculum in Elementary Education was lacking nationally in content knowledge in the areas of math, science and social studies. The money is being used to revamp content area classes and will start in 2015. Curriculum is being re-written and stipends will go to students. There is a partnership with Pinellas County Schools.

EC STEM through the ARTS Learning Community: Susan Weber reports: It is challenging to get teachers to change their habits of themes and move into a classroom that is more chances for exploring and discovering.

Discussion pursued about learning in the classroom and how children learn best through exploration and discovery with simple materials. On April 23rd at 6:00 at the Lew Williams Center there will be a training that will be facilitated by Susan and Anne to help teachers brainstorm on how to implement STEM in their classrooms and show how it helps children's learning.

New Faculty: Karen Vuurens will join the Early Childhood Program on August 1st.

COMMUNITY SHARING

Susan Weber:

Playing Unplugged on April 18th from 10 to 3. Still need help in the afternoon. Please come and help in Susan's area.

Bonne Fletcher:

Opening five new classroom in Pre-K ESE program. Pre-K blended children. 50% with IEP, and 50 from the community. 500 children more in Pre-K ESE program.

Gail Ramsdell

Five Pre-K classrooms at Kings Highway. Openings for staff with CDA's.

Anne Ryan

Educators Practice Guide What Works Clearinghouse

<http://whatworksed.gov>

Download files on different topics – Math, Emergent Literacy, etc.

Points out common errors and how to scaffold learning.

Fall Meeting will be Thursday, September 24th 2015 at the Seminole Campus at 4:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 6 p.m.

Gino adjourned the meeting at 2:45 p.m.