



ACTION

MT. HOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

DATE: *February 8, 2017*

ITEM TITLE: 3.2a

CONTACT PERSON: *Carrie Toth, Board of Education Relations*

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Board Workshop: January 11, 2017

HEAD START TRAINING

Staff Present: Pam Corrie, Jean Wagner, Ana Szimonisz, Kaela Patterson, Mavonnie Dietz, Debra Derr, Carrie Toth

Board Members present: Michael Calcagno, Kenney Polson, Susie Jones, Jim Zordich, Teena Ainslie (phone), Sonny Yellott (phone), Tamie Arnold

The Head Start representatives presented a handout on the Head Start program at Mt. Hood Community College that included information on scholarships, grant reports, photos of our Head Start sites, the financial reports, and five-year goals (the same goals as last year, now in Year 2). The report includes family demographics, as well as services for children and parents. Calcagno asked how the MESD and the Multnomah County Health Department support Head Start. Wagner responded that the Health Department provides Head Start with a nurse and with mental health consultants. Wagner noted that staff can become overwhelmed with the behavioral issues, and the consultants help with that, and with the health of the staff. They also provide professional development training.

Dietz discussed the board's partnership with the Policy Council. Zordich asked about eligibility requirements. Corrie noted that they have a face-to-face screening process. Calcagno asked what the percentage of students who get into the programs come from overrides for the last 3 years. Wagner responded that they will provide that information in the future. She noted that they have a grant out for Early Head Start expansion and are still awaiting word.

Wagner noted that we have three centers we are in the midst of working with. She addressed Zordich's issue of the modular, which was in the November report; they are no longer interested in a modular and are utilizing the Rockwood center. Wagner noted that we are almost finished with

negotiations; a verbal agreement has been reached, and the board should receive more information in February.

Kaela Patterson shared her story. She started in the program as a teen mom. She graduated with high honors, enrolled in Mt. Hood, and had her daughter in June. She received help, was provided resources, and was able to take more courses and become more involved in Policy Council. She is now Chair of her center and President of the Policy Council. Jones asked about her future plans; she is hoping to transfer to Southern Oregon for an Early Childhood Education program.

Anna Szimonisz shared her story as a family worker for 17 years at Head Start. She has worked with the student program since 2008. She presented the board with a list of family success stories from Head Start. Her job is to provide resources and encouragement to our families, most of whom are first generation with little to fall back on. Calcagno asked about the idea - with the waitlist we currently have - of potentially looking at prioritizing or giving weight to parents who enroll at Mt. Hood. Anna responded that her program is for students. Wagner noted that we could look at giving priority. Dietz noted that we do want to help people become students.

POLICY GOVERNANCE

Jones introduced a policy manual draft version. She noted that the College already is a Policy Governance system. She reminded the board of the structure and four quadrants of policy. She presented the full draft of the Policy Governance Committee's work. Many of our policies were from our own language, while others are from institutions that currently utilize a policy governance system. She noted that we will spend time at our February retreat on the draft. Zordich noted that the draft was a collaborative effort. Jones noted that the hope is that it will help clear up some misunderstandings. Polson noted that we spent significant time on the language, which was a challenge.

ADJOURN

Due to inclement weather, the meeting adjourned early at 6:46.

Clerk

Board Chair

Minutes recorded by Carrie Toth, Executive Assistant to the Board of Education.