

Policy Council Committee Meeting

November 16, 2017

1. Introductions & Roll Call

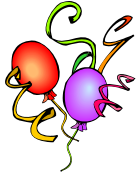
Representatives: Jacksie Witham, Melinda Pooler, Samantha Hutchins, Jolene Brown, Stacy Pierpont, Kaitlin Taylor and Kelley Dow. **A quorum was present.**

Staff: Kathy Colfer and Jennifer Pare.

Excused: Natachia Lovering and Kelly Clauson.

Absent: Carolyn Courtney.

2. Policy Council Orientation



Welcome new members!!!! Orientation of new Council members occurred. Discussions focused on Head Start's shared governance structure and meeting formats and how the Council interacts and works with KVCAP's Board of Directors.

The December agenda will focus on election of officers and election of Community Representatives. The importance of participating in Policy Council was discussed and members were asked to encourage other parents to join in program and governance activities. Members were urged to consider these roles because it is an opportunity to learn new skills that can be utilized outside of the meeting room.

3. Brain Development Videos

The Child & Family Services Director shared two videos with the Council on a child's brain development in the early stages of their lives. These videos can be found here:

1. Experiences Build Brain Architecture: <https://youtu.be/VNNsN9IJkws>
2. Serve & Return Interaction Shapes Brain Circuitry: https://youtu.be/m_5u8-QSh6A

4. Bus Schedules

Through discussion, it was mentioned by Council members that it would be helpful and beneficial if the KVCAP bus schedules (KV Transit) was posted at sites where parents could see. Below are the links to the KVCAP website, where both the Kennebec and Somerset Explorer Bus Routes* are posted.

Here is the link to the Kennebec Explorer schedule on our website:

http://www.kvcap.org/index.php?id=449&sub_id=301

Here is the link to the Somerset Explorer schedule on our website:

http://www.kvcap.org/index.php?id=449&sub_id=1723

**Of note, KVCAP's website is in the process of being redesigned. Once the change occurs, we will post new website links for the Explorer routes.*

5. Sidewalks in Winter

Since Winter is upon us, parents explained that the sidewalks on Drummond Avenue, High Street, and at the entrance into Educare, last year, were not always cleared, making it very difficult for parents who walk their young children to school every day. The Child & Family Services Director will follow up.

6. Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance	\$	300.00
Paid Out	\$	64.24
Ending Balance	\$	235.76