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Wednesday, December 8, 2021

Call to Order by Erika Simmons 12:22 pm

Present: Erika Simmons, Donna Custodio, Donna Jackson, Shannon Puente, Lori Martinez, Guest: Nina Machado, Misty Pegueros, Karen Warburton, Kate Mann

Public Matters not on the agenda: No public matters not on the agenda.

Approval of Minutes: Lori Martinez moved and Shannon Puente seconded that the minutes from November 1, 2021 meeting be approved. The motion passed

Approval of Agenda

Lori Martinez moved and Misty Pegueros moved to approve today's agenda as presented. Passed unanimously.

Old Business

New Business

P-3 Alignment: In January/February, Donna has a meeting with Sean Snider, the Assistant Superintendent to discuss P-3 alignment. After this meeting the council will set a meeting date with the School Board, local City Councils and the Board of Supervisors. Council also discussed how we can get the whole county involved to campaign for child care to bring attention to the current lack of quality care in our county. Discussion was broad with many areas in need of creative problem solving solutions.

Lack of staffing was also discussed. We would like to encourage high school students to look at the field of childcare. Adult Education and our local Community College offer ECE units. We have local Council and QRIS money to help fund students going to school for ECE. Creating a flyer with information may be helpful to get people interested in the field.

Council discussed how we could attract more people in our community to take care of young children. One idea was to tap into stay at home moms or dads. To publicize the Friend, Family, Neighbor Network and get families to take care of just one more child in their home. This way the stay at home parent could earn a little money while staying at home and they would also be helping out another family. We will create a media campaign with the slogan "Just One More" to the public to get more families involved. One suggestion was to promote the idea on the Mother's Club Webpage.

The Resource Connection is looking for an Infant Center or Child Care Center to start up. Misty also shared their resource room is doing great and they are helping a lot of families with child care subsidies. They are also looking to fund Outdoor classrooms for child care.

Celebrate Our Children: It will be held at the Argonaut High School on April 9, 2022, theme is *Streaming to Learn*.

Workforce Pathways Grant: Donna is currently supporting two apprentices and has more money to support anyone that is pursuing education in the ECE field.

Updates from the field: Misty discussed that they have money for child care for families that need support. Donna Jackson discussed her progress with the gardens at Plymouth Elementary and Pioneer Elementary. Donna Custodio shared that she will be holding a workshop with Kim Adams on January 20th, the topic will be “Play and Creative Expression.”

Adjournment at 2:10