Minutes

Meeting with Foster Youth Council
November 17, 2022
11:30 to 1:00

via zoom video conference

Please join us for a video conference call via zoom on Thursday, November 15th at 11:30am. Here is the link: https://pasadena-edu.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMscOmppjguH9JrRbrjR9cDvEYSv_DzH6BU. Be sure to download the zoom app and that you are on a device that has video capability. If you are on your cell phone, you should not need to call the audio number. If your computer does not have a microphone, you will also need to call in.

I. 11:32am - Call to order

II. 11:30am to 11:40am- Welcome and introductions

Lily Bartenstein - Chair FYC, Resource Parent in PUSD with a student at PHS
Theresa Reed - Secretary FYC, program director PCC FKCE and student advisor
Franchesca Ocasio - Foster Youth Programs manager Planned Parenthood Pasadena/SGV
Judy McKinley - community advocate - special education & foster youth
Kesha Wood - LACOE foster youth services
Leticia Hernandez - Foothill Family Services kinship support services
Linda Jackson - RFA parent/kinship in Lancaster
Linda Cornejo - RFA parent/kinship in East Lancaster
Sherrell Bennett - Kingap/foster parent at PUSD
Patrisha Taylor - DCFS office in Pasadena
Ruthann Aull - community advocate- special education & foster youth
Damon Avery - IEP Parent advocate & Pasadena Resource parent at Blair
Vanessa Perez - school liaison at Five Acres
Marisa Wellington - RFA parent in Santa Clarita
Dr. Julianne Reynoso - Head of Student Wellness and Support @ PUSD
Aide Suarez - Community liaison for foster youth at PUSD
James Russel - Community liaison for foster youth at PUSD
Lilian Avalos - Early Interventionist with PUSD, BID meetings

III. 11:40am to 11:45am – Review list of members

a. Current membership:

Lily Bartenstein
Theresa Reed
Natasha Mahone
Vanessa Perez
Judy McKinley
Ruthann Aull
Damon Avery
Sherrell Bennett
Letty Hernandez

IV. 11:45am to 11:50am – Approval of August, September, and October 2022 minutes

a. Minutes are approved as corrected for **August, September and October**

V. 11:50am to 12:00pm - Pending Issues of Concern from October 2022 meeting

a. Mr. Avery confirms that he has received follow up on both issues from last meeting

VI. 12:00pm to 12:15pm - New Issues of Concern to Foster Parents

a. Linda Jackson - students in school during the pandemic, what is happening with students who are being promoted to the next grade

    i. Kesha Wood - students will automatically move up through matriculation, the parent or ed rights holder should initiate a conversation about holding a student behind a grade through the school administrator or the student's counselor. Different options are available through various districts including tutoring, summer school, and credit recovery.

b. Vanessa Perez - When we have submitted an IEP request for assessment, and that assessment plan was approved. Student has transferred districts to Pomona, but nothing has moved forward on that issue.

    i. Kesha Wood - The clock does re-set for IEP deadlines when the district transfer happens. In cases such as these when the process has stalled, the LACOE special education contact can provide support with the Pomona School District's special education department.

    ii. Referral for additional support: LACOE SPED Coordinator, Susan Turner McMullen turnermcmullen_susan@lacoe.edu

c. Linda Jackson - IEP changes between the meeting and the delivery of the copy of the IEP.

    i. Dr. Reynoso - An IEP should be delivered on the day of the meeting.

d. Sherrell Bennett - in an emergency IEP meeting additional speech services were allocated, but have not been implemented. Does that need to be in writing to be in effect?

    i. Dr. Reynoso - An IEP Amendment would document that adjustment in writing, but an amendment meeting should be easier.

VII. 12:15pm to 12:25pm – Updates from PUSD

a. The team's print materials have now been delivered, including bookmarks and brochures including the contact information and other information.

b. The team is working on coordinating and delivering welcome packets on a campus by campus basis.

c. Expanding services in elementary and high school programs.

d. An example of Eliot's document was shared

e. Ms. Bartenstein - follow up ask about how that documentation is shared with parents

f. PALs information request was sent to Dr Jacobs, so we will follow up with her.

VIII. 12:25pm to 12:32pm – Updates from LACOE

a. FAFSA and CADAA flyer

   i. This program does include Pasadena, too!

b. LACOE Foster Youth Services Website

   i. LA county liaison list is posted on the LACOE website

   ii. LACOE provides tutoring services to all districts in the county other than LAUSD (which has their own services)

IX. 12:32pm to 12:37pm - Collaboration between FY Council and PUSD SWSS

a. Theresa - we wanted to discuss how can we work between meetings with the council

X. 12:37pm to 12:42pm – Language for FY Council webpage at PUSD

a. Language update approved.

XI. 12:42pm to 12:50pm – Proposed name change

a. Does the name adequately represent the work and purpose of these meetings?

b. Theresa proposes Foster Youth Parent Council

c. If the intention is around marketing, consider engaging with parents to see how we can best engage and support

XII. 12:50pm to 12:55pm – Need for additional officers

a. Appeal for Co-Chair, Parliamentarian

XIII. 12:55pm to 12:57pm – Announcements

a. **Friday, November 18th** from 9:00am to 10:30am – Focus Group - PUSD Engagement Design Team Work

b. **December 1st** from 3:30pm to 5pm - LACOE FAFSA Completion – December 1st via Zoom

c. **Saturday, December 3rd** from 8:30am to 12:30pm - Cash 4 College @ PCC

d. **Friday, December 9th** from 10:30am to 12:30pm - LACOE workshop –Ready, Set, Caregiver! Addressing Educational Needs from Enrollment to Graduation w/ LACOE

e. Link to Calendar for PCC Programming: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1zSGoAvb90hwV0uduXbxM2JRzIehCY1yXnIqfpUZfbIM/edit

f. Next meeting date: January 19, 2022

   i. Workshop topic prior to meeting: *Knowing Your Rights in Court to Advocate For Your Child's Educational Needs*

XIV. 12:57pm to 1:00pm - Public Comment