**Policy Council**

**GTB Benodjenh Center**

**Early Head Start/Head Start/GSRP/Child Care**

**6/25/2021**

* **Sign in**
* **Review Previous Minutes**
* **Policy Council Member Update:**

Chair: **VACANT**

Vice Chair: **VACANT** (are there any suggestions or nominations for this position)

Recording Officer: **VACANT**

In Attendance:

Chelsea Fink

Trista Erickson

Sean Cahill

Helen Cook

Sarah Murphy

Parent Representative(s): **Sarah Murphey**

Community/Elder Representative: **Deb Fox**

Community Representative: **Sean Cahill**

Community Representative: **Helen Cook**

Tribal Council Liaison: **Theresa Pelcher**

* **Staff/Enrollment Update**

**Classroom A: 10 enrolled students in person**

Lead Teacher: Angeleia Gann

Assistant Teacher: Alejandra Castellanos

Classroom Bus/Aide: VACANT

**Classroom B: 10 students enrolled in person**

Lead Teacher: Lisa Falk

Assistant Teacher: VACANT

Classroom Bus/Aide: Delia Shawandase

**Classroom C: 6 students enrolled in person**

**1 students enrolled virtually**

Lead Teacher: Christine Newstead

Assistant Teacher: Amanda Maas

Classroom Bus/Aide: VACANT

**Classroom D: 6 students enrolled in person**

**2 students enrolled virtually**

Lead Teacher: Aimee McClellan

Assistant Teacher: Danielle Franco-Hernandez

Classroom Bus/Aide: VACANT

**Childcare: 12 children enrolled**

Caregiver: Francis Wanageshik

Caregiver: Victoria Chippewa

**EHS home Base Program: 11 families enrolled-several slots open**

Home Visitor: Anne Kiogima

Home Visitor: VACANT

* **Last parent meeting was 6/17.** **No families were in attendance, besides 2 staff members with children in the program. We plan on recording a summer safety video to send out.**
* **Professional Development Fridays are in the process of being scheduled.**
* **We are in search of new policy council members. We need three parents to join to meet our 51% requirement of currently enrolled parents.**
* **Budget Review – NOA for 21/22 School Year, NOA waiver for carry over from 20/21, NOA American Rescue Act**
* **Required & Miscellaneous Program Information**

Monthly Reports: Benodjenh Center Monthly Report, Credit Card Report with corresponding Budget Reports, Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), Claim Status Report, Enrollment Report. Program Performance Summary Report.

* **July 19th, open to the public. Parents will be allowed inside the building but will have to follow current COVID protocols with prescreen questions, temps, and signing in.**
* **Childcare is opening for to the public and with full enrollment on August 2nd**
* **Next school year, we are expected to be fully enrolled.**
* **Staff have concerns regarding full enrollment and staff ratios and how to provide a quality program.**
* **Staff have talked about the gaming wage increases and expressed concern on why we can’t increase.**
* **Next Policy Council Meeting:** To be determined.

Please feel free to email Trista, Leona, or Chelsea with any questions you may have.

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Helen inquired about where we are with increasing wages with all of our openings. It seems like a crisis.

Sean- Can Head Start put in writing that we can shift funds from other areas to put into wages?

Concern for having a program in the fall.

Trista working on wage comparison to then send to Dawn and so on.

Next meeting July 16th at noon.

Better job system engine in the process to help get the word out for job openings. Applicant pool.

Add benodjenh website to GTB site.

Add new app add to GTB website