

Parent Policy Meeting on May 5, 2020

Items on the agenda:

- Head Start graduation
- Summer plans for EHS & HS
- Fall Plans for EHS & HS

Meeting called to order at 8:20. Members present were Josephine Morsette, Tiffany Houle, Laurie Sunchild, Serene Sunchild. Also present were Debbie Wilkinson and Duane Gopher

First item: Graduation

Parents of HS students have come up with a plan to have a graduation parade at a later date. It was agreed upon from PPC to let the parents take hold of this. We will have someone handing out diplomas and bikes. Although Head Start cannot plan or fund transition ceremonies, we are in agreement to let the parade happen, taking into consideration of Social distancing and following health regulations.

Motion to agree with a graduation parade made by Serene Sunchild and a second by Tiffany Houle.

Next on agenda: Summer plans for EHS

Biggest concern is keeping the babies and toddlers safe. We talked about what it might look like if EHS was to go back to school, such as sanitizing all day long, keeping the 6 ft distance, taking temps, having one teacher meet parents at the door and so forth. We don't believe we will have enough staff to keep these procedures in place and consistent. Within the regular school year, we have a lot of subs rotating in and out. If we had this happen during reopening of the school, we would risk the passing of the virus. We would spend more time on training new people on the procedures in place and there isn't time to do that with this risky situation we are all in. The PPC would like to see the EHS be closed throughout the summer but we would like the staff and teachers still be active in learning. Some ideas we came up with are:

- Create packets for 0-3 year olds every two weeks. Not so much worksheet packets but things that parents can help in the development process such as sending home nurse rhymes, developmental skills to work on with activities to help and so on.
- Make sure transition meetings are being met over phone calls
- Packet pick up times being scheduled, and teacher schedules of when to come make packets
- We talked about training for HS to learn the curriculum
- Recommending that EHS teachers watch Webinars and online PD and making it mandatory since they will still be paid over the summer

We talked about how only the full-time employees are being paid so they need to be in compliance with what the PPC and Director suggest.

Motion by Serene to keep EHS closed but keep staff active in other activities for families. Second by Josephine Morsette.

Next on agenda: Fall plans for EHS and HS

Motion by Serene to table this topic, second by Tiffany. We don't feel we have the resources yet to decide what will happen that far into the future.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Serene, second by Tiffany. Meeting ended at 8:50.