

Early Childhood Education Advisory Committee

Fall Meeting Hilton/Carillon

09/16/2016

1. Welcome and Introductions

- a. **Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 10:15 A.M. by Angela Loring, Chair.
- b. **Members Present:** Anne Ryan, Mary Ann Goodrich, Teri Statton, Ariel Hartman, Susan Weber, Barbara Scarsbrook, Debbie Barker, Vikki Yates, Karen Vuurens, Yvonne Malague, Angela Loring, Ann Hofmeister and Miriam Larrea.
- c. **Members Absent:** Jackie Lang, Twanna Monroe, Gino Cote, Claudia Decker, Sonia Meir, Carol Dinsdale, Gail Ramsdell
- d. **New members:** Ariel Hartman, Career and Academic Advisor for SPC has joined the committee as well as Miriam Larrea who is also with SPC's College of Education.

2. Read and Approve Minutes: The minutes from the last meeting were read and approved.

3. Old Business:

- a. The City of St. Petersburg Certificate Scholarship for Cohort I is in progress. Literacy materials for this cohort were provided by the Rothman Family through the SPC Foundation. The Rothman Family wants to continue providing literacy materials and we hope to continue doing this for our students.
- b. Do You See What I See: This project was possible with the help of a mini grant which allowed us to purchase digital cameras, enlarge 70 photos and host a reception at the Leepa-Rattner Museum. The cameras were given to the four-year-olds and each child was given the opportunity to be 'photographer for the day.' Forty-seven people (children and families) attended the opening reception and for many it was their first experience visiting a museum.
- c. The COIL – Collaborative Online International Learning. We partnered with the National University of Ireland/Galway. Two classes of ECE students completed surveys on the use of technology in their ECE setting; students then shared experiences on a Wikispaces Discussion Board. Overall response was very positive and we are looking at possible future partnerships for another COIL project.

4. New Business:

- a. New Marketing flyers were created to highlight Education. We have the opportunity to have some photos/videos of ECE centers – Susan Weber reports that they have students currently on staff and have permissions in place. Anne will contact Marketing and provide that information.
- b. Scholarship opportunities: (JWB, City, ELC, T.E.A.C.H) T.E.A.C.H. now covers the B.S. Educational Studies; JWB is funding the Preschool Specialization and Infant/Toddler Specialization; City of St Petersburg Cohort I completing Preschool Specialization

Certificate in December; Cohort II beginning and students may work toward either certificate and will be taking online courses.

- c. The ECE study groups (open forum for students to come with questions/support for courses) are set in Clearwater 4-6 PM on Wednesday and Midtown 5-7 PM on Thursday.
 - d. Karen Vuurens is working on updating the Educational Studies Preschool/Birth to Age Four. This is a non-certification program and students can continue working as they earn their degree. Courses are 100% online and we have students abroad. One student will do her internship in Bosnia and another recertification student is in China.
 - e. The presentation to high school guidance counselors was done by Miriam Larrea in June. During this presentation, she spoke about the AS-AA opportunities for students as well as the CDA articulation available to students who have completed/earned their National CDA or ECPC.
 - f. Baby Talk and Storybook Village: Looking at ways to have students more involved in these community events; possible creation of an assignment with alternatives available
5. **Community Sharing:**
- a. Susan Weber talked about the "Social & Emotional Boot Camp." Susan is trying to recruit centers to participate. She is currently reaching out to people within the five zip code areas.
 - b. Debbie Barker said teacher-led classes continue to have low enrollment; online classes fill.
 - c. Mary Ann provided information on VPK Learning circles & Erikson Math Training
 - d. Angela discussed the upcoming Early Childhood Conference to be held 01/21/2017 on the SP/Gibbs Campus. This will be done in partnership with SPC and the Pinellas Association of Young Children.
 - e. Teri expressed concerns re: educating and recruiting ECE teachers; discussion continued re: possible teacher certification for Birth-Age Four and what limits there might be on grade level placement.
 - f. Barbara shared information on Lutheran Services Head Start and Early Head Start.
6. **The Spring Meeting** date, time and location TBD
7. **Meeting Adjourned** at 11:26 A.M.