



Parent Advisory Group (PAG)
Meeting Minutes

January 27, 2022- 7:30pm to 9:00 pm
Virtual Meeting

Welcome and Introductions

DCYF Deputy Director of Community Engagement, Deanna Stewart, welcomed attendees and initiated introductions. Members introduced themselves and shared updates and successes with fellow members.

Update on the Early Learning Advisory Council (ELAC)

Deanna Stewart provided an update on the Early Learning Advisory Council.

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There will be two parent representatives from this group that will serve on the Early Learning Advisory Council (ELAC). • ELAC just went through new membership • We are focused on getting parent feedback and bringing it back to this group, as well as encouraging council members to attend ELAC meetings. • I really like how these meetings are ran. You are mindful that our voices are heard and allow everyone to provide feedback. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Thank you. We try to be intentional about how we structure our meetings. • ELAC meetings used to feel welcoming, however, they feel high pressure now. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There has been a focus on increasing the size of this group for years. I want to make sure that everyone feels their voices are heard. • ELAC’s next meeting is Tuesday, 2/1/22. The meeting will focus on data, early learning funding, grants, and the work plan. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What time is the meeting? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 9:00am – 3:00pm • Can you pop in and out of the meeting? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Yes
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Update on Temporary Licensing Subcommittee of ELAC

DCYF Deputy Director of Community Engagement, Deanna Stewart, provided an update on the Temporary Licensing Subcommittee.

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is new legislation with a focus on having a parent representative from the east side and west side of the state. • This group is being ran by ELAC and they meet every 2-3 weeks • ELAC is required to submit a report to the department regarding updates, concerns, and finances for childcare. The group is temporary and will end this year.
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2022 Meetings, Closing Remarks and Adjourn

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would this group like to have Regina return and provide updates and feedback? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Yes ○ Yes please • I like that people are coming to our table, because this time frame is more convenient for us. • Can you send the invites/meeting information in a more accessible way? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Do you have suggestions? Is it easier to have all information in the calendar invite to save to your calendar?
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Yes. A lot of times I have to search through multiple emails to find the zoom information.• I had the same experience. A calendar invite with the zoom link makes my life easier.• Another suggestion would be sending the email from another name because they all say from Community Engagement.• Maybe it would be helpful to title the subject with the meeting date and time.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ The Community Engagement part is our email, which we cannot change.• Maybe you could put PAG first in the subject line?<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ We can do a better job using PAG in the subject so it is easier to find• My preference is a calendar invite with the zoom information included<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ The save the date is the email with all the attachments, but those do not include the zoom invite yet. We will do better including the calendar invite with the save the date email• There has been discussion of moving the meetings to a different night of the week. The group will receive updates if this occurs.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Thursdays are hard for me○ Can we go back to days?<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ We can discuss going back to days if that is what works best for the group.○ Starting a half hour earlier would be nice.○ Starting a half hour earlier cuts into other zoom calls for me• Meetings can start at 7pm if that works for everyone. Weekends were not ranked high in the last survey but we can discuss that further if needed.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Significantly earlier or a bit later would work well for me. We're hitting right during bedtime. (I would also love daytime meetings if that worked for people!)• When did we do the survey?<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ In the fall• I think I missed the meeting where the survey was given. Can you send it again?<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Yes, we will send it out again
Next Steps/Follow Up	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The next meeting is scheduled for March, 23, 2022.• For future meetings, we will add the zoom and calendar invites in the same email, and reword the subject line to be more clear.• We will send all calendar invites we have scheduled for the year in a follow up email.