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**Calaveras Child Care Council
Calaveras County of Education
March 18, 2025 9:00am**

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Minutes

Members: Jeanette Allen, Amy Eaves, Kristi LeRette, Alissa Bain, Karen Frazier, and Rochelle Sweet

Absent: Sarah Kelly

Staff: Sheri Noble

Guests: None

- 1. Call to Order at 9:00 am**
Roll call was taken

- 2. Public Comment-NONE**

Members of the public will be provided with an opportunity to address the Council on items of public interest within the Council's jurisdiction not listed on the agenda. Public comment is accepted on all agenda items as they are addressed.

Action Items:

- 3. Approval of March 18th Agenda (Action Item)**

On the agenda header, the day of the week is Wednesday, and it needs to be corrected to Tuesday.

Motion: Kristi LeRette

Second: Rochelle Sweet

Ayes: 6

Abstentions: 0

Opposed: 0

- 4. Approval of February 18, 2025, Minutes (Action Item)**

Motion: Jeanette Allen

Second: Karen Frazier

Ayes: 5

Abstentions: 1

Opposed: 0

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5. Approval of Child Care Council Video (Action Item)

- Sheri sent the video to Council members. Still needs to be updated to Child Care Council Logo.
- Council enjoyed the video.
- Debbie Strand assisted with photos.
- Once updates are made, Sheri would like to post the video on the website and social media platforms.
- Motion was made to approve the updated video and post it on the website and social media.

Motion: Rochelle Sweet

Second: Kristi LeRette

Ayes: 6

Abstentions: 0

Opposed: 0

6. Comprehensive Countywide Child Care Plan Draft (Action Item)

A copy of the Comprehensive Countywide Child Care Plan Draft was included in meeting packet.

- Sheri gave a brief overview of the 5-year plan that falls inline with the Needs Assessment. The plan outlines an Executive Summary, Vision and Mission statements, 3 Goals (including measurable goals) with their descriptions and the activities needed to achieve each goal, closing with an overall summary. Goals for the 2025 – 2030 plan will be:
 1. Promote Early Care & Education
 2. Advocate for an Inclusive Child Care System
 3. Identify Opportunities for Families
- Sheri noticed some grammatical errors and they will be addressed.
- Sheri asked the Council to review and give any feedback.
- Council likes “Measurable Goals” as it will show progress that was achieved.
- Suggestion was made to reword Goals #2 description to “continued after-school programing” vs. after-school care
- A suggestion to enlarge the font was made for easier reading
- It was asked where the plan is presented and Sheri stated that it will next go to the Board of Education and Board of Supervisors.
- Sheri had a question for the Council in regards to Goal # 3. Should she change the goal to Identify Opportunities for Families and Providers? Council agrees to include Providers as the “Activities” tie the two in together.
- Overall the Council was very pleased with the Comprehensive Countywide Child Care Plan and the work Sheri has put into the project.
- Sheri will make changes to the draft and bring to the next meeting.
- Motion was made to approve the Comprehensive Countywide Child Care Plan with the corrections.

Motion: Jeanette Allen

Second:

Ayes: 6

Abstentions: 0

Opposed: 0

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7. Survey Results from Calaveras ECE Students Involved in K-16 Pathways (Action Item)

Copies of the Survey Responses were included in the meeting packet.

- Sheri stated that there will be a small amount of money left over this year from Amador College Connect, so a survey was sent to the students to see how they would like to see that money spent.
- Answers varied, but several students asked for Laptops since they were doing their homework on their phones and find it very challenging. Textbooks were also requested, although most seem to be available now online for free. Others asked for gas cards to assist with travel.
- Funds are unrestricted but needs Council approval on how to spend them.
- The suggestion was made to give the students gift cards so they can use the money towards what they need.
- Another suggestion was to ask each student individually what they would want based on a list of suggested items or a set dollar amount.
- It was clarified that the money was only available to the students in this program.
- A motion was made to move forward with a set dollar amount and list of suggested items such as a laptop, gas card, staples gift card, etc..

Motion: Kristi LeRette

Second: Rochelle Sweet

Ayes: 6

Abstentions: 0

Opposed: 0

INFORMATION ITEMS-REGULAR AGENDA

8. UPK Mixed Delivery Panel Update

- UPK Mixed Delivery is tomorrow (3/19/25) evening at 6pm.
- Sheri sent out Agendas
- Sheri kept the guiding questions positive
- The following will be represented:
 - TK
 - State Preschool
 - Head Start
 - Family Child Care
 - Private Preschool
- TK/K Readiness books will be linked for reference

9. Membership Update

- Still need parent members. Outreach ads are in the *Valley Spring News* as well as on the website, and in the newsletters.
- LPC was submitted to the state. Awaiting Board of Supervisors signature.

10. Calaveras Children's Fair

- Karen passed out a handout on the Children's Fair completed tasks.
 - 36 Participants

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- Volunteers are still needed
- Would like to have additional entertainment options if anyone has any ideas?

Suggestions:

- Shaye (Storyteller, Face Painter, etc.)
- CHS Marching Band
- Bret Harte Renaissance Class - Tyra Dragomanovich
- Sheri mentioned that throughout the Children's Fair there will be signage with CCCC (general family data, afterschool program data) and UPK information.

11. California Budget Update

- No changes to report.

12. Updates from the Field

Council members received the opportunity to share any updates.

- Sheri let Council members know that she will be starting the Zip Code Priorities Report that is due to the State in May. She will start reaching out to everyone for waitlist numbers mid-April.
- Alissa submitted DSPP QRS Walk Grant.
 - Enrollment for ASP will start in April and Preschool enrollment will be in May.
 - After school will be offering a 10-day Summer Program to existing families in San Andreas
 - Council praised Alissa and her team for all of their hard work.
- Jeanette let the Council know that they are fully staffed
 - Funded through May
- Rochelle said there will be a Spring Event April 18th at Ironstone
- TK Kits, which included items like pencils, crayons, scissors and TK readiness books were distributed to all schools.
- Sarah mentioned that the upstairs area should be open by this coming school year, bumping them up to 30 kids. Just waiting for sheetrock.
- Erin discussed health services at CUSD

Important Dates:

Saturday, April 5th – Calaveras Children's Fair @ CHS 11-2p

Thursday, May 22nd - Open House for ECE Students @ Amador College Connect 11a-8p

13. Adjournment- 10:19 am.

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Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 15, 2025 @ Calaveras County Office of Education

Date: _____

Respectfully Submitted by Meghann Link