

Las Positas ECE Advisory Board Minutes, Nov. 9, 2023

1. The agenda was approved and the meeting minutes from Spring were reviewed
2. We had the following participants: Nadiyah Taylor, Ana DelAguila, Lyndale Garner, Traci Peterson, Zuhail Hashimi, Solana Olsen, Christina Lee, Nancy Blair, Lisa Zarodney, Stephany Chavez, Kari Hawley DuBois, Vanessa Dilks

3. Community Updates

High Schools/ROP: Solana/Zuhail

- College field trips happening now
- Going to LPC in spring (PUSD)
- Apprenticeship and Internship Fair
- Counseling newsletters - can share what we are up to if we send them updates/information.

Nancy Blair, LARPD

- Enrollment slowly rebounding in School- Age program
- Almost fully staffed - need a preschool teacher and program leader
- Would like to have ROP students complete internships with them - Dawn Pavon

Kari Hawley DuBois, Alameda County Consultant to Subsidized Care Programs

- Very busy, 1st time since COVID family fees have been reimplemented but anyone under the 75% of the state income cannot exceed 1% of the family gross income
- Passed the suspension and expulsion ban in subsidized programs
- RFA funding for anyone looking to apply for additional IT or SA contracts
- New law that says they have to provide care for 9 hours a day - there are ELOP funds but not enough spaces on the campuses

Vanessa Dilks - CA Early Childhood Mentor Program

- Statewide retired mentor program has been approved - go to sites with student teachers
- CECMP - Synchronous and asynchronous Adult supervision course - fully paid - interest and unofficial transcripts is due by 11/17 - through Chabot - people who want to become mentors
- Click here for the online Adult Supervision Course --> <https://conta.cc/3QwGjPP>

Lisa Zarodney, Chair of the Valley Family Child Care Association

- Many FCC providers due to TK enrolment
- The association has gotten a grant from the Child Care Law Center to do advocacy work on behalf of FCC providers
- CCPU - Family Child Care Union - to raise the reimbursement rate
- Connecting with the R&Rs

Traci Peterson, LVJUSD~YouthBuild~Project HOPE

- Apprenticeships are the wave of the future - how might LPC get involved?

4. Las Positas Updates

CDC Update

- Preschool - 2 FT classrooms, 1 PT, plans to open a 4th classroom
- Hired first ROP students
- We are looking for a lead teacher and two assistants

Chris Lee

- Free first-time tuition program - for first time in college + 12 units = free tuition for the first semester at LPC. This may continue into 2024-25
- New cohort affinity group = AANHPI - learning community - maybe fall 24
- Students enjoy being in clubs and connecting with each other

Ana

- CDTC stipends available to LPC students in ECE can be reimbursed \$36
- It is now available to non-working students if enrolled in ECE 90 or the 6 course units/semester. Only 142 units applied - out of 550 units granted to the college.
- Child development permits - this program can pay for the permit fee up to \$100, and reimburses \$39 out of \$74 for Livescan - now everything is done online, we have a computer set up in the 2300 Office area to support students completing it online.
- The inclusion grant is sunsetting this year
- Workforce Pathways grant - ECE 62 in Spanish
- A new PUSD IA cohort will begin with ECE 50 in the Spring semester, and will continue through the Fall '24 to complete the first 13 units
- Black ECE cohort began in fall 2023 with ECE 50, and will continue through the summer '24 to complete the first 13 units.
- The library has new ECE resources - free online versions of their print books for ECE students.

Ideas for the ECE program from the Advisory Board

- Programs noted that 3 year olds are learning differently; they seem to be behind development since they were born at the start of Covid. Our students need a new learning approach. Teachers aren't prepared and see behavior they aren't expecting (for example, diapers are challenging for many teachers).

- Focus on the importance of preschool for 3-year-olds - not only for 4-year-olds.
- Mental health for all parties, families, children and teachers
- Include more about trauma-informed care in our coursework
Also, recognize the trauma families are experiencing, that we may not have experienced because we didn't have small children at home during that time.

Lisa - family child care providers - - how to help learn more about 3-year-olds

- Big transition from preschool to kindergarten - discuss across different classes.
- Kari working with Livermore TK on a play-based curriculum
- Families seem more rushed and a little defensive in parenting feedback.

Adjourned at 5:30 PM