

Kids' Corps, Inc.
 Policy Council Meeting Minutes
 July 28, 2020
 Virtual Meeting

Members Present:	Members Absent:
Brittany Pickens, President	Tasi Sablan
Rhonda Drake, VP	Brian Willis
Kaya Avila	Shawna Bailey, excused
Noreen White	Tawnya Palmer
Caitlyn Thompson	
Jessica Teague-Beach	
Staff Present:	
Dirk Shumaker, Executive Director	
Ronnie Brown, FES	

Meeting called to order at 5:40pm. Quorum is reached according to By Laws. Welcome extended to all, conversations regarding staying well, staying safe ensued. "Tacos are a health food." Next "in person" meeting will have Taco's served for dinner. It was suggested that each month have a parent help create the menu for the next meeting.

Minutes:

Minutes will be reviewed by parents via email attachment and will let Ronnie know if any questions or changes and if they approve them as written. Can let Ronnie know by email or text.

Financials: Due to meeting being on Zoom, financial discussion was minimal. Dirk stated KCI was doing fine, within budget, no new trends. Dirk also brought attention to the Credit Card statement. He mentioned that there were several unauthorized/fraudulent charges made in early July for Google Ads, which KCI did not make. Card was suspended, charges revoked. Being investigated.

Federal Grant Application and Budget:

Dirk went over the budget line items. He reminded the PC that they have already approved our program change application. This federal grant application and budget does not account for Covid pandemic closures and disruptions, so we may see actual expenditures vary from what we budget. Dirk stated due to State funding cuts, KCI will not meet their federal match and KCI is requesting a waiver for part of our match this year. Dirk explained to the council how federal match works: KCI must match 25 cents for each federal dollar received. Volunteer hours count toward that match. Community (Ridgeline classroom is donated space) and state and community grants help with the match as well.

With the new funding dollars for COVID-19, this will help compensate for one year of lost state revenue. With the loss of state funding, need to serve less children, had originally thought to close Mt. View. By keeping Mt. View open, can put a small classroom in that space. More social distancing for the children with 6-8 children per classroom. Rhonda motioned to approve the federal grant application with waiver. Jessica seconded, motion was approved.

New Hires:

Ronnie asked members to review the new hires shown. No questions at this time. Jessica motioned to approve the new hires, Rhonda seconded. Motion approved.

Reopening For Discussion:

Ronnie and Dirk shared with the members the Mitigation plan as it stands now and asked for input from the parents. Ronnie explained about the 8 questions asked, temps and masks prior to entering building. Children brought to classroom from vehicle by teacher (curbside service). Masks worn in class, child has own box for masks and belongings, meals prewrapped (family style meals and tooth brushing suspended at this time). Dirk explained that parents don't come into the center, no volunteers and only necessary staff will go into the classrooms. Limiting extra people from coming and going will help keep the spread down and hopefully keep everyone safe. Ronnie explained how FA's are calling returning parents and those on waitlist to determine how many days, if any, parents would be comfortable with having class or only do virtual. Surveys are then compiled to review what parents are feeling is safe moving into the new program year. Dirk stated that 45% of parents surveyed wanted 5 day weeks, smaller percentage for a 4 day week and only 7% wanted virtual classrooms. Dirk explained that right now we have several full day classes going and one part day class with 6 children in each. Parents wanted to read the mitigation plan. Plan will be sent out to PC for personal review. Floor was opened for Q&A.

Questions:

- What will KCI do for virtual only families? Dirk explained different scenarios are being discussed, did do some virtual classrooms after center was shut down to finish out program year. The data for success is being reviewed.
- If KCI goes virtual, will the child's spot in the classroom be saved in case things go back to normal? Dirk explained that for now each classroom will have about 8 children and if things relax a little, those doing virtual will be contacted first.
- One parent stated they didn't like all the questions every day, same old thing, takes too long. Dirk explained that they may be the same questions but if a family had a change and we forgot to ask a particular question, parent forgot to mention upon arrival, we could potentially expose other children and staff.
- Is ASD and KCI going to follow each other/have same procedures. Dirk explained that ASD may limit the number of children per class and how many hours a staff person may work in a given day. KCI is looking at having classes 5 days a week, 4 hours a day. Bus service will be about half the amount of children with social distancing, questions, temp, masks prior to boarding bus.
- What if a child has a headache, will they be sent home or asked to be tested, can they come the next day? Headaches are a symptom! Dirk explained that the child may return when symptom free.
- How many staff are returning if ASD is closed and only doing virtual classrooms? Dirk responded that surveys have been sent out to staff asking their availability if ASD is closed. Looks like KCI will open 4 or 5 classrooms instead of the 10 normally. May even 6 classrooms might be possible.

Dirk asked what other information we should be sharing with the parents? And how to share?

- Share info as soon as you get it, if you're open let the public know.

- Will there be a break before the new program starts? Yes, regular 2 weeks to deep clean and train staff. 8/14-8/31.
- Once we start, we want to stay open unless hunker down mandate directed
- Send out shareable link to facebook. PC parents stated they would put shareable link on their facebook pages and encourage others in their family and friends list to share as well.
- Asking businesses to put up flyers/hand outs in food boxes, at Dr's offices.
- Rhonda will put up sign on her lawn, Brittany will ask about sign on her lawn

Dirk mentioned that he was hopeful to resume face to face meetings soon with social distancing in place and masks. He drew attention to the Mission Statement and Philosophies of KCI and asked parents to think about our core values. In the August meeting, (probably zoom/virtual) will ask PC about what they thought were our core values and are we addressing them in our statements. Bring any questions they might have to the table, what do they want to discuss? (Parent stated she thought there was a lot of value in the kindness she saw not only from staff to parents, but staff to staff and even the children were learning and being kind to each other. The value of a welcoming and friendly place.) Dirk asked everyone to think about it for the meeting in August.

Face mask contest....whose got the coolest, best face mask.

Meeting the end of August....

Rhonda needs after 5:15 any day

Jessica was open to any day, any time

Shawna mentioned in emails that she needs Thursdays (day off) or after 7pm

Brittany was after 5pm

Noreen can teleconference most anytime.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronnie Brown, FES