

Policy Council JUNE meeting (reporting out for May)  
MINUTES from 6.13.16  
11:15 – 1:15

Meeting was called to order by Michelle Kimble at Hoss's Steak House.

In attendance were Ruth Mulnix, Elaina Knopsnyder, Melissa Toy, Larissa Dneaster, Amber Shull, Michelle Kimble, Katrina Flamm, Sue Knarr, Bishop Pile, Dave Mrozowski, Sharon Pugh and Anne Garrison.

Motion was made by Bishop Pile and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Elaina Knopsnyder to accept the minutes from the last meeting. Motion was approved and unanimous.

Dave gave the Tableland report – including a new audit firm, and that they are looking for another rep in the southwestern portion of the county to be on the Tableland board.

Anne gave the information from her monthly report. Special attention was drawn to the attendance rate for the month of May being above the needed 85%. She discussed the positive remarks we received as an agency from our program specialist, Tamara Mattier.

The budget report was presented and falls in line with the time of year we are in...a slight bit overspent, yet that will even out with the summer months coming and less employment and class use. The budget report was motioned by Amber Shull and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Michelle Kimble for acceptance. Everyone was in favor and it was accepted as a group.

Anne also discussed COLA and how it is determined, as well as presented the COLA FY16 grant information to discuss. The group reviewed the information. The group voted to approve the COLA FY 16 increase. Motioned by Elaina Knopsnyder and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larissa Dneaster. The group approved/adopted this grant, and agreed to have it submitted.

Ann discussed the Budget and Planning meeting that was held on Monday June 6, 2016. The main discussion was the recruitment efforts and student population in Confluence / Turkeyfoot School District. Anne explained that the number of students applying to go to that center is decreasing and that she followed the advice of the Budget and Planning team in attempting to again contact the Principal and contacting and meeting with the

Superintendent. The meeting with the superintendent was described as positive and informative. Yet, the bottom line of the issue was that there just weren't enough students. She explained that she and the Superintendent went through other options to see what else could occur. Partnership in the school building, partnership at our site, they take the 4 year olds, we take the 3 year olds (still not enough students). It was proposed after the efforts of the teachers, and management team, to close the Confluence center due to lack of students. This motion was motioned by Amber Shull and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Katrina Flamm. It was supported by the entire group with no final questions. Therefore, the decision to close the Confluence center was adopted and approved. Children will be redirected to the school districts K4 program, or to The Family Center.

Salisbury center is still struggling a bit, yet this is a PK site, and at this time, recruitment is still ongoing to see if that area can be saved and supported.

Center reports were given for Tech Center, Meyersdale, EHS 1, 3 and 4. Agency reports were shared by Bishop Pile from Tableland with nothing else to add from Dave's report.

There is no meeting in July. Next meeting will be August 8. The executive committee will meet on Monday August 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:30 to prepare for the meeting.

A motion was made by Larissa and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bishop Pile to adjourn the meeting. This occurred at 1:01.

Ruth Mulnix took the minutes, Anne Garrison typed them.