

Parent Advisory Committee
August 10th, 2009; 5:30 to 7:30 pm
Kandiyohi County Area Family YMCA; Willmar, MN

Present: Alex Espinoza, PACT 4 Guía Coord. Linda Hocum, Kandiyohi County parent
Debbie Gerrety, Renville County parent Linda Nelson, Kandiyohi County parent
Diane Moots, Kandiyohi County parent Polly Peters, PACT 4 Families Liaison
Gayle Dean, Kandiyohi County parent Sheila Bliss, Renville County parent
Kara Mortenson, Yellow Medicine County parent Sherry Kenney, Renville County parent
Laurie Bliss, Yellow Medicine County parent Virginia Sullivan, Renville County parent

Agenda Items / Topics for Discussion:

- Welcome to new members/parent updates/approval of minutes and agenda
- PACT 4 updates
- PAC issues
- Training Updates/opportunities
- Brain Conference – November 19th

Discussion:

- The YMCA wants parents to come at 5:30 for this meeting – NOT BEFORE. Becky or Char will take concerns to the Executive Board.
- Becky asked parents to continue to provide ideas for informing PACT 4 partners about each other for breakout sessions. Becky also asked parents to try to attend collaboratives to give feedback to legislators who may attend.
- Alex announced that he is leaving the Guía program.
- PAC training committee will continue to work on the training request forms. Parents would like Debb to look at it. There are 7 or 8 scholarships available for the Bridges Out of Poverty training.

Action Taken / Recommendations:

- Parents will inform Char of ideas for breakout sessions for the Brain Conference. Virginia suggested to Char each committee have their mission statement available so everyone knows each other's mission statements; and to have each committee's chair sit at the table/booth.
- Scholarship committee is working on a protocol for accessing funds. They will bring a finalized copy to a future meeting.

Training Needs Identified:

- Char will bring Wraparound training information to the next meeting.

Future Agenda Items / Unfinished Business / Topics for Further Discussion:

- Ideas for breakout sessions.
- Char will have brochure available for Full Collaborative meeting.
- Scholarship committee to continue to work on forms.
- Circle of Parents representative will speak at the September meeting.

Highlight Three Items to be Shared at Full Collaborative / Items to be Brought to Executive Board:

- Ideas for Brain Conference breakout sessions.
- PAC brochure – feedback given.
- Circle of Parents representative will speak at the September meeting.

Next Meeting Date / Location / Time

September 9th at 5:30 pm at the Kandiyohi County YMCA in Willmar.