

Parent Advisory Committee
November 9th, 2009; 5:30 to 7:30 pm; Kandiyohi County Area Family YMCA; Willmar, MN

Present:

Becky Romosz, Kandiyohi County parent	Linda Hocum, Kandiyohi County parent
Char Erickson, PACT 4 Wraparound Coord.	Mike Kenney, Renville County parent
Debbie Gerrety, Renville County parent	Polly Ann Peters, PACT 4 Families Liaison
Diane Moots, Kandiyohi County parent	Sheila Bliss, Renville County parent
Gayle Dean, Kandiyohi County parent	Sherry Kenney, Renville County parent
Kelly Roschild, Kandiyohi County parent	Virginia Sullivan, Renville County parent
Laurie Bliss, Yellow Medicine Co. parent	

Agenda Items / Topics for Discussion:

- Brain Conference presentation
- Scholarship sub-committee protocol
- Juvenile Justice/Mental Health Planning Grant

Discussion:

- Kelly Roschild made a motion to approve the October minutes; Laurie Bliss seconded. Motion carried. Debbie Gerrety made a motion to approve the agenda. Kelly Roschild seconded. Motion carried.
- Greta Smolnisky, grant coordinator, spoke about the JJ/MH planning grant. She will be sending surveys to the PAC for input and forming committees in all four counties to report to a Steering Committee or Advisory Board.
- PACT 4 Updates: PAC budget approved with no changes from last year. A parent representative position is open on the Board. This is a three-year term, and begins January 1, 2010.
- Becky gave an update on PACT 4's Legislative Vision Statement.

Action Taken / Recommendations:

- Committee approved scholarship application with two modifications.
- Picture taken of committee for display at Brain Conference; Debbie Gerrety will be the PAC representative at the conference.

Training Needs Identified:

- Sheila gave an update from the October 15th conference "Children with Autism and Asperger's Diagnoses."

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

- Will have pizza and water – bring Christmas cookies.
- Will continue to explore ways to save on food for PACT meetings.
- Sponsoring trainings, such as PACER.

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

- Scholarship application completed, with instruction on the back for completion/approval.
- Debbie Gerrety committee representative at the Brain Conference.
- PAC would like to consider organizing some trainings in the future, such as a PACER workshop (these are free). Workshops would be open to all parents.

Next Meeting Date / Location / Time

December 14th at 5:30 pm at the Kandiyohi County YMCA in Willmar.