

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

Present: Alex Espinoza, PACT 4 Guía Grant Coach/Coordinator
Becky Romosz, Kandiyohi County parent
Char Erickson, PACT 4 Wraparound Coord.
Dave Schmidt, Renville County parent
Diane Moots, Kandiyohi County parent
Julie Slaughter, Renville County parent

Laurie Bliss, Yellow Medicine County parent
Linda Hocum, Kandiyohi County parent
Linda Nelson, Kandiyohi County parent
Polly Peters, PACT 4 Family Liaison
Sherry Kenney, Renville County parent

Agenda Items / Topics for Discussion:

Elections of Officers
Fundraising
LAC Updates

Discussion:

- Bliss made a motion to approve the Agenda; Slaughter offered a second. Motion carried. Romosz made a motion to approve the December (January's meeting was cancelled due to weather) minutes; Bliss offered a second. Motion carried.
- Fundraising: Sheehan and Romosz gave a report on the discussion of this issue by Executive Board members. Sheehan spoke with the PACT 4 attorney about it also. If this committee does fundraising, PACT 4 must control/maintain all aspects of it. A group of parents can do fundraising and donate to PACT 4, but PACT 4 staff cannot be a part of it. The group would have to meet outside of this committee meeting. There is approximately \$1,000 in the account. Debb is taking some questions back to the Board. This committee would still like to see parents be able to attend trainings at discounted rates. There has been confusion on parents attending PACT4-sponsored events free (brain conference, annual meeting). Discussed having an "across the board" policy for these events.
- PACT 4 Updates: Annual Meeting on April 7th. Speaker is Greg Aamot. Parents must send in registration with a check, which will be returned if they attend. Alex Espinoza gave an update on the Guía program. Serving about 20 Latino youth so far.

Action Taken / Recommendations:

Training Needs Identified:

- Will watch the Wraparound DVD at the next meeting. Char gave information on various upcoming events: Resource Center program, NAMI support groups, National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day, Circle of Parents in Renville County, PACER workshop. Romosz will research the Resource Center program.
- Nelson shared information on an Asperger's training.
- Romosz is meeting with a Transition Committee in the Cities regarding the mental health needs of transition-age youth. She will keep committee updated. Some committee members whose youth benefited from the PRIDE-4 program are writing letters for Romosz to bring with to the meeting.

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

- Tabled election of officers due to low attendance and current co-chairs not being present.
- Further discussion on fundraising issue.
- Make recommendations on PACT 4's involvement with Resource Center program.

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

- PAC appreciates Board listening to suggestions (such as earlier start time for the Full Collaborative meetings)
- Recommends a consistent policy for parent attendance fees at PACT 4-sponsored events.
- PAC will continue discussion on fundraising/trainings/checkbook with direction from Executive Board. Romosz will research the Resource Center program.

Next Meeting Date / Location / Time

March 9th, 2009 at 5:30 pm at the Kandiyohi County YMCA in Willmar.