

Subject: Parents advisory council meeting notes 5.24.2

Kim Willis
Norma Machay
Amy chase
Deedra Edwards
Cassandra Williams
Janelle pulcher
Shawna Peterman
Jacqueline Lenore
Dorothy Jordan

Kim announces open house parents with Partners advisory council

Jovanna smith reports Cook county parents meeting.

It was a Lively meeting. Parents talked ab their concerns and their lack of trust with the department. There was a guest speaker to assist in developing skills and their sense of self and role models with their children. She shares that she will share info with Kim so that the speaker may speak at this council.

Kim asks for changes on the Bylaws. Agreed to have two cochairs where they will have equal power.

Jacqueline thinks it should be two parents as co chairs. Shawna peterman is the other volunteer.

Cassandra volunteers to be a co chair. One year for council two years for co council.

Four parents from the region would need to be on the committee.

Norma said she will give info to northern region parents. Need one for each region. Said she would share after meeting Thursday.

Cook has been decided for their committee members.

Mandatory training will be required for the members.

Parents like to have reminders for the meeting.

Next meeting is June 28th.

Norma brings up questions.

PWP looking to open a chapter- wondered if there was open houses in other regions.

Cassandra wants in person meetings. Norma agrees!

Kim mentions they are still building the membership.

Norma thanks the group for their participation.

Dorothy says that she always mentions be strong families and parents council.

Cassandra mentions having an advocate- a parent advocate for shelter care meeting.

Norma will talk to lake county judges about advocating for support.

Jacqueline mentions in cook county they have an advocate with them into the court room. Helps them present themselves in front of the judge. Ms. Leggins is the advocate there. Just as a support system.

Cassandra said it would help so much to have an advocate in court. She had a bad experience because things became heated.

Cassandra would be available to volunteer if needed in Springfield.

Norma will work on talking to the courts in Lake

Approx. 23000 children in youth in care.

Dorothy shares that she feels this is a support group. She said she feels comfortable with DCFS being in the meeting.

Next meeting we will vote on council members and make bylaws permanent by a vote.

Dorothy mentions she is taking the trainings in VTC.

Kim says she will figure out how to make sure everyone gets a login.

Amy mentions her parenting classes. Virtual classroom she invites parents.

Kim closes meeting.

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