



MINUTES

IRVINE CHILD CARE COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING

March 11, 2014

Heritage Park Community Center
14301 Yale Avenue
Irvine, California 92604

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Irvine Child Care Committee (ICCC) was called to order on March 11, 2014, at 9:02 a.m. at the Heritage Park Community Center in 14301 Yale Avenue, Irvine by Chair Donna Schwartze.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: 12

COMMITTEE MEMBER:	LINDSAY CULLEN
COMMITTEE MEMBER:	DEBORAH FLESHMAN
COMMITTEE MEMBER:	JENNIFER GOH
COMMITTEE MEMBER:	DONNA KING
COMMITTEE MEMBER:	WENLI LIN
COMMITTEE MEMBER:	KARLE MONTGOMERY
COMMITTEE MEMBER:	CHRIS PORTO
COMMITTEE MEMBER:	MARY VON DEM BUSSCHE
COMMITTEE MEMBER:	ANNA YUHAN
RECORDING SECRETARY:	CAROLYN INMON
VICE CHAIR:	WENDY WARNER
CHAIR:	DONNA SCHWARTZE

ABSENT: 1

COMMITTEE MEMBER:	DON GRUDEM
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ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

INTRODUCTIONS

Chris Sanchez, Irvine Valley College Student Reporter, was introduced by Supervisor Traci Stubler.

PRESENTATIONS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Introduction to Common Core and Homework Support Workshop- February 27

Supervisor Stubler announced the Irvine Child Care Project Directors' Forum presented by Jeanne Stone was well received by over 60 participants in attendance. The presentation introduced Common Core Curriculum to afterschool program leaders and tools to provide academic support to children in their programs. Each site received an academic support kit with math manipulatives and reference book for staff.

2. Bringing Storytime to Life workshop- February 27

Community Services Senior Leader Sadaghiani announced the family childcare provider workshop presented by Chair Donna Schwartz on February 27 focused on engaging young children through literacy activities. Ten family childcare providers in attendance agreed that attending the workshop increased their knowledge of using story time as a tool to build early literacy skills in a childcare setting.

3. Super Saturday- March 22

Community Services Senior Leader Sadaghiani announced Super Saturday for professionals working with infant, toddler, preschool, and school age children in a center or family based environment is scheduled for March 22 from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. offering four one-hour on up to eight available topics. 23 Leaders in early childhood education will be presenting a total of 33 workshops at this year's event. Committee members were invited to volunteer at the event.

4. How to Get Your Child Cooperating, Dr. Laura Markham- April 24

Program Coordinator Castaneda announced "How to Get Your Child to Cooperate without Threats, Bribes or Consequences" on April 24 from 6-9 p.m. The presentation, given by Dr. Laura Markham author of *Peaceful Parent, Happy Kids* and creator of *ahaparenting.com*, provides parents with practical everyday strategies. The fee to attend is \$15 for Irvine residents and \$20 for non-residents.

5. Play Counts! Denita Dinger- May 17

Program Coordinator Castaneda announced "Play Counts!", a workshop for parents and caregivers on May 17 from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Presented by Denita Dinger, co-author of the book *Let Them Play: An Early Childhood Uncurriculum*. The workshop will provide ideas to create child-led play-based curriculum to help all children succeed. Participants will learn how to encourage young children to try new ideas, explore freely, collaborate, solve problems, handle conflict, share and own discoveries. The fee to attend is \$15 for Irvine residents and \$20 for non-residents.

6. Child Care Provider Selection Process Open for New IUSD Elementary schools

Traci Stubbler announced two new elementary school openings, Cypress Village and Portola Springs, on September 2, 2014. The Irvine Child Care Project is currently in the process of accepting proposals for before and after school care programs at the new sites.

7. Week of the Young Child Proclamation- April 8

To commemorate the national "Week of the Young Child" from April 6-12, City Council will present a commendation to Rainbow Rising and its late Founder Suzanne Porter for 25 years of service to the community.

8. Kindergarten and Transitional Kindergarten

Supervisor Stubbler provided an update on the status of transitional kindergarten programs. Children must be five years old by September 1, 2014 to start kindergarten in the 2014-15 school year. Transitional Kindergarten is available for children turning five between September 2 through December 2.

9. Senate Bill 837

Supervisor Stubbler provided a brief introduction of Senate Bill 837, the Kindergarten Readiness Act of 2014. The Bill would expand access to transitional and kindergarten programs to all four year-old children by the 2019-20 school year. A webinar providing an extensive review of the Bill is available online at earlyedgecalifornia.org.

COMMITTEE REPORTS**1. Irvine Child Development Center Operating Corporation (ICDCOC) – Vice Chair Warner**

Vice Chair Warner provided an update of topics discussed at the last ICDCOC meeting including Board positions and Finance Committee of the audit.

