



# MINUTES

## IRVINE CHILD CARE COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING

**March 10, 2015**

Heritage Park Community Center  
14301 Yale Avenue  
Irvine, California 92604

### CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Irvine Child Care Committee was called to order on March 10, 2015 at 9:36 a.m. at the Heritage Park Community Center, 14301 Yale Avenue, Irvine, California; Chair Schwartzke presiding.

### ROLL CALL

#### PRESENT: 7

COMMITTEE MEMBER:	LINDSAY CULLEN	PROVIDER REPRESENTATIVE- BONITA CANYON RAINBOW RISING
COMMITTEE MEMBER:	MARY MCDONOUGH	LIAISON REPRESENTATIVE- IRVINE VALLEY COLLEGE (IVC)
COMMITTEE MEMBER:	KARLE MONTGOMERY	COUNCIL APPOINTEE-KROM
COMMITTEE MEMBER:	MARY VON DEM BUSSCHE	PARENT REPRESENTATIVE
RECORDING SECRETARY:	WENLI LIN	LIAISON REPRESENTATIVE-UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, IRVINE (UCI)
VICE CHAIR:	WENDY WARNER	PROVIDER REPRESENTATIVE- GOOD SHEPHERD PRESCHOOL
CHAIR:	DONNA SCHWARTZE	AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE- IRVINE COMMUNITY NURSERY SCHOOL

**ABSENT: 5**

COMMITTEE MEMBER:	DEBORAH FLESHMAN	LIAISON REPRESENTATIVE–IRVINE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT (IUSD)
COMMITTEE MEMBER:	SETH GROSSMAN	PARENT REPRESENTATIVE
COMMITTEE MEMBER:	DON GRUDEM	AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE-IRVINE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
COMMITTEE MEMBER	CHRIS PORTO	COUNCIL APPOINTEE-SHEA
COMMITTEE MEMBER:	ANNA YUHAN	COUNCIL APPOINTEE-CHOI

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Schwartze led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**INTRODUCTIONS**

There were none.

**PRESENTATIONS**

There were none.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. Recap of Welcome to Kindergarten
  - Tustin Unified School District, January 29, 2015
  - Irvine Unified School District, February 11, 2015

Program Coordinator Castaneda provided a summary of two Welcome to Kindergarten events provided by the City in collaboration with the Tustin Unified School District (TUSD) and Irvine Unified School District (IUSD). The free workshops were offered to parents with children entering transitional kindergarten or kindergarten in the fall of 2015. Twenty participants attended the TUSD presentation; over 85 percent of attendees strongly agreed the presentation increased their kindergarten knowledge. Over 230 participants attended the IUSD presentation, and 97 percent of survey respondents strongly agreed that the presentation increased their kindergarten readiness knowledge.

2. Recap of Learning through Relationships with Infants and Toddlers

Senior Leader Sadaghiani provided a summary of the two-part workshop provided to family child care providers. The course was presented by the University of California, Davis Center for Excellence in Child Development, which focuses on the social-emotional, intellectual, and physical development of infants and toddlers, and the

supportive role of the caregiver. Of the 32 participants in attendance, 100 percent agreed they have learned strategies for increasing their responsiveness in caregiving as well as increased confidence in applying those theories to optimize infant and toddler learning experiences.

3. Recap of Irvine Child Care Project Director's Forum

Supervisor Stubbler provided a summary of the forum titled "Life After the Unchecked Box: Getting the Most From the PARC (Program Assessment Review Committee) Process" on February 26. The forum outlined the purpose of the PARC process, roles and responsibilities of PARC members, Peer Reviewers, Site Director, and next steps after a review.

4. Super Saturday Confirmation of Volunteers

Senior Leader Sadaghiani announced Super Saturday is confirmed for March 14 from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. The conference is for early childhood professionals working with infant, toddler, preschool, and school age children in a center or family based environment. Committee members were invited to volunteer at the event.

5. Parents Do Make a Difference – April 30, 2015, Irvine Civic Center from 6-9 p.m.

Supervisor Stubbler announced a presentation for parents featuring Dr. Michele Borba, an award-winning author of 22 parenting and educational books on April 30 from 6-9 p.m. The presentation will teach practical strategies to help parents improve their child's behavior, self-esteem, character, attitude, and resilience in school and at home.

6. Creating a Culture of Acceptance in Preschool and After School Programs – May 1, 2015, Irvine Civic Center from 10-11:30 a.m.

Supervisor Stubbler announced a second presentation by Dr. Borba for early childhood educators and professionals. The workshop will teach educators strategies to develop self-esteem, character, and attitude in the center/school age program.

7. Families Forward Resource Fair – May 2, 2015

Program Coordinator Castaneda announced the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Families Forward Resource Fair taking place at Irvine Valley College on May 2, 2015 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. The Fair will connect families and individuals with social services, free health screenings, and free groceries. The Child Resource Center (CRC) will host a booth and provide information to participants on child care and the CRC lending library.

8. Family Child Care Provider Literacy Program

Program Coordinator Castaneda announced the launch of the family child care literacy program application. Family child care providers who are dedicated to their own professional growth as early childhood educators may apply to receive a free set of books to support the literacy development of the children in their program.

9. New Community Care Licensing Centralized Complaint Number

Supervisor Stubler announced the new complaint number set by California Department of Social Services, Community Care Licensing Division. The new campaign is designed to inform community members of a new centralized number to report a complaint or concern regarding any licensed care facility and to encourage individuals to report concerns for the safety of all children.

**ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA**

There were none.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were none.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. Irvine Child Development Center (ICDC) Operating Corporation

Vice Chair Warner announced that new officers were elected for this coming year. Two staff members are receiving scholarships from ICDC to attend Pacific Oaks to complete their bachelor degrees in child development.

2. Irvine Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee (ICYFAC)

Member Montgomery did not attend the meeting. Member Fleshman and Chair Schwartze participated in a focus group with ICYFAC at their last meeting to provide input on the future of community parks. Chair Schwartze shared information regarding the focus group.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

There were no items for the Consent Calendar.

**COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

**1. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**ACTION:** Moved by Vice Chair Warner, seconded by Member von dem Bussche and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Irvine Child Care Committee held January 13, 2015.

**Ayes:** 7 Cullen, Lin, McDonough, Montgomery, Schwartz, von dem Bussche, Warner  
**Noes:** 0  
**Absent:** 5 Fleshman, Grossman, Grudem, Porto, Yuhan

**END COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

**ADJOURNMENT** at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 10, 2015.

  
DONNA SCHWARTZE  
Chair

  
WENLI LIN  
Recording Secretary

Dated: 5/12/2015