

Hillcrest Board Meeting 2/21

5:34 – Board Meeting Begins

Directors Report –

Full:

40 infant/toddler

30 preschooler

Executive Team is Building the budget

Bethshalom Childcare Center Rabbi – advocating for OCS Payments – came up at governors meeting.

Rabbi Abraham followed up in email with Christina/Thread/Alaska Children's Trust State used covid funds to pay for the full cost of care OCS/Foster Families – this ends in June. State pays about 75% - families/hillcrest may lose 6-7 spots within a months time. July 1st – Foster parents cover difference of what OCS pays.

No reminder notice has been sent out to families but the date is June 30th.
(529 children pass 4)

Enrollment:

4 spots under 12 mo opening in September.

1 18-22mo

2 two year olds

Teachers:

Ms. Gail is taking the summer off – she comes and goes over the years – TBD if she returns in the fall or she may go back to school.

New Hire Irina – baby whisperer! Cam highly recommend by some preschool parents. Will be starting in the next couple of weeks pending background check.

Advocacy:

HB89 – send out another notice to families. Call for support and to write to your governor.

Task Force report (1 has gone out)

Need letter of support from Hillcrest for the governor.

SB89 Flexibility on rate determination – more kids access care? Is there spots available?

Governors Taskforce

State Registry for funds from HB89

Finance Committee:

Finance Committee meeting next meeting – board retreat and finance meeting
Think about Priorities for Next year to inform the budget – Create and send out Survey.

(March) Feedback survey – annual evaluation, parent priorities – similar to last years ranking services, timing of board retreat, need venue (first presbreterian church) 4/20?
Spring retreat 4/6?

Board will weigh in on survey – include anything we see of value, not just finance committee.

Hillcrest Youth Center – officially chosen.

616 10th/9th st. Presbetyrian Church Hillcrest Youth – United Methodist Church also starting a youth program down the street (Innovate Grant). (40 School Age, 40 toddlers & preschoolers – no subsidy and no transportation).

HB 189 – partnerships with businesses. Dollar for dollar tax write off for business to offer childcare for their employees and partner with programs (Hillcrest) – doesn't work for non profit companies/industries.

Board to look into granting opportunities – AK Native Activities, Playground Equipment.

Facilities:

Justin/Fire Alarm System is inprogress – working nightly so as not to disrupt service.
Brooke needs contact info to confirm any needs they have from staff etc.

Create Google Drive File – Admin – dumping place for Christina

Youth Center – decisions & procedures – new committee (School Age Parents)

Sustainability of administration of new youth program.

Board Retreat List of things we want:

- Technology Upgrades
- Playground
- Projects
- Goals (2 years)

Nora & Brooke – Volunteer Hours Reminder send out. Payout, Months, volunteer Opportunities. Through June.

Quarterly Board Update – Newsletter

Update Covid/Wellness Policy for Staff. Back to pre covid policy. Need to send out policy to parents.

Website – Christina, Kate & Nora – improving website. Accessibility, marketing
Gmail v. web domain

6:47 Board Meeting Ends

March 20th Board Meeting

5:31 Meeting Begins

- OCS Contracts approved for the next year at 100% Coverage beginning June 20th and continuing for 1 year
- Request that Advocacy Committee Prewrite Testimony templates for parents
- Advocacy Group requests a way to communicate with parents beyond Brightwheel – FB group/WhatsApp Group – board decides to include in upcoming survey questions regarding best way to contact parents about advocacy opportunities.
- School Age Program is seeking Donations of Books/Science Project materials & Other Supplies
- New Revenue Being explored by Executive Team & Staff – Contract event childcare events. Nights & Weekends.
- Volunteer Hours – parents are having the following issues:
 - Logging their hours – difficulty
 - Parents want to see what they've already input
 - Need to Update Check List for parents of needs
- Board Retreat is Schedule for April 6th 9:30AM Child Drop Off, 10AM – 4PM Meeting, 4:30Pm Child Pick up.

7:11P Meeting Ended