

July Minutes PAC 2009

Present: Candy, Scott F, Scott K, Rebecca

Staff: Robert, Katika

Special Guest: Tracey Gerald

Budget Review: Year-end Financial Review

Tracey presented a budget update to the PAC. She also provided information regarding commitments for 2009-2010, information on the possibility of furlough days and the priorities for 2011.

Budget:

As of May 2009, the budget represents a net loss of \$9,000. This however, does not include the \$7,000 that was given to the Center from nursing. Once this money is applied, it is projected that through June 2009 there will be a net surplus of about \$2,894.

Tuition Increases at Kirkham Child Development Center (KCDC):

New families joining the KCDC will be enrolling at an increased tuition rate because of higher operating expenses at KCDC and are on par with the other UCSF childcare centers. Continuing families who were enrolled prior to July 1st will be grandfathered in at the existing tuition fee structure.

Potential Impact of Furloughs:

The impact of any furloughs or resulting salary reductions remains unknown. Tracey emphasized that there would be no reduction in center hours unless parent demand drove this reduction. Currently there is no such demand for fewer hours. As of today, no official decision has been made as to whether childcare will be asked to take these cuts. All but three teachers are represented by unions and are subject to collective bargaining agreements. Tracey explained that it will be extremely difficult to implement furloughs in childcare and is strongly advocating that furloughs be exempt for teachers. Reasons include: 1) there are minimum teacher-student ratios that have to be achieved to meet licensing requirements 2) hiring new teachers to achieve the appropriate teacher-student ratio would not be reasonable as it is much more costly to hire out, 3) would require new teachers that the children would need to get used to and 4) the estimated cost savings from the proposed furloughs could be identified through other means and 5) it would be important to maintain consistency across the other campus child care centers.

Blending Campus Life Services with Child Care Services

The details of a new program is being finalized that would blend Campus Life Services (e.g. family gym memberships) with childcare services (Kindergym, Day Camps, Martial Arts). This would offer both groups unique benefits for a reduced cost and possibly increase memberships to the various CLS programs currently offered. The details are likely to be announced in October.

Possibility of Offering Community Child Care Slots

The new KCDC facility will only support UCSF affiliated families. The committee discussed the possibility of having a community slot, which could be offered at a higher tuition rate. The PAC discussed the value of these slots since there is such a long waiting list, but also appreciated that offering such a slot could help to bring in additional revenue. This revenue could become important in the coming years, as budgets get leaner and could help offset the tuition for UCSF affiliated families. One idea was to offer one community childcare slot with the accompanying tuition rate (e.g. a floating community slot). If a community member does not take this slot, the slot would be offered to UCSF family at the community rate. The PAC wanted to hear further discussion on this issue and therefore this concept will be introduced at the Chancellor's Advisory Committee.

Priorities through 2011

Tracey shared some of the upcoming priorities for the Center. These include developing: the Lucia Infant Child Care Center, a scholarship/tuition program, family web portal, the integration of children's programs and maintaining a quality child care experience for both staff and families.

Budget Surplus

Given the current economic climate, nationally, statewide and locally, and given the upcoming move to the new KCDC facility, the committee decided to put the budget surplus for this past fiscal year into our reserves.

Tracey will return to the PAC in September for follow-up on the issues discussed today but also to discuss the KCDC facility.

Chair-person's Report:

Quarterly Injury Report

The committee reviewed the injury report for the Center. One request was made to include how many injuries were severe enough to warrant action. The next report will be modified to reflect this.

Minutes from June: Approved

Treasurer's Report

Hanh and Scott are currently in the process of transitioning banking account ownership. No official report regarding account balances was presented. The PAC raised \$87 from the Panda Express fundraiser.

Fundraisers

The next fundraiser will be at Darla's on Wednesday August 5th. NO coupons required—simply show up and eat. Additional ideas for fundraisers include the technology stores at Parnassus and Mission Bay—more information to follow.

Director's Report

Child Care Application Web Site

Coming soon, parents will be able to use and send childcare applications from the CLS web site. This will make applying much easier and will offer parents a way to pay tuition online directly through this portal. In addition, automatic payments can be set up.

Camps Offered During Center Closure

Camps will be available on the following dates while the Center is closed: Wednesday August 26th and Thursday August 27th. Robert is currently working on getting camps set up for Monday August 31st and Tuesday, September 1st.

No meeting is planned for August. Next meeting was set tentatively for Wednesday September 16th at 12:15 pm. Location to be announced.

Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Candy