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AGENDA Early Childhood Education Municipal Development Professional Development Committee

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A MEETING OF THE EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE WILL BE HELD AT THE BASEMENT CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL, 100 MILITARY PLAZA, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS 78205 ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2014 AT 12:30 P.M. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

Individual Briefings

1. Staff briefing of in-service events and professional development opportunities planned for the 2014-2015 school year [Kathy Bruck, CEO]
2. Staff briefing and Committee discussion of Edvance recommendations in Year 1 evaluation report discussed during the September 9, 2014 Board meeting regarding professional development [Kathy Bruck, Pre-K 4 SA]
3. Committee discussion to potentially invite select community representatives to be appointed to the Professional Development Committee as ex-officio, non-voting members [Kathy Bruck, Pre-K 4 SA CEO]

Adjournment

At any time during the meeting, the Early Childhood Education Municipal Development Corporation may meet in executive session regarding any of the matters posted above for attorney-client consultation in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act.

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Agenda Memorandum

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Agenda Item Number: 1.

Agenda Date: 10/7/2014

In Control: Early Childhood Education Municipal Development Professional Development Committee

DEPARTMENT: Pre-K 4 SA

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Kathy Bruck, CEO

SUBJECT:

2014-2015 In-service events and professional development opportunities

SUMMARY:

Staff briefing of professional development and in-service events opportunities planned for the 2014-2015 school year [Kathy Bruck, CEO]

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Pre-K 4 SA has internal and external components of professional development. The Professional Development division works with educators throughout San Antonio to encourage continual development. Education Center administrators provide regular in-service and training for Pre-K 4 SA faculty.

Professional Development

Throughout the 2013-2014 school year, the Professional Development division of Pre-K 4 SA coordinated a variety of professional development events for educators throughout San Antonio. From September 28, 2013 through April 5, 2014, the division hosted four Saturday Academies for San Antonio educators, including Pre-K 4 SA teachers to attend. Professional Development Coaches researched and designed the events which were relevant to high quality, standards based, early childhood education. Each presented background research, hands-on participation, and practical application strategies. During the summer of 2014, the team hosted five weekday academies for Pre-K and Kindergarten educators. Topics at summer events included: Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM); Spanish oral language development; nurturing writing in young learners, and engaging children and families from diverse backgrounds. These events featured nationally respected authors and experts in early childhood education.

Professional Development Coaches also provided guided observations, coaching, small group planning and other services for educators in public and private schools and childcare facilities throughout the City of San Antonio. The division aimed to increase the understanding of the Texas Prekindergarten Guidelines,

developmentally appropriate teaching practices, and high standards of early childhood education in classrooms.

Teacher In-Service

Education Center faculty and staff met for regularly scheduled weekly professional learning communities which focused on topics including small group time, conflict resolution, project approach, the Gold assessment and planning around data, as well as academics in interest areas. In addition, they coordinated two in-service days during the school year and monthly training for Teacher Assistants. Monthly training for assistants included studies of the classroom climate, adult/child interaction strategies, conflict resolution, daily routines, transitions and building relationships with multiple classrooms. The Centers also conducted a book study on conflict resolution.

ISSUE:

This item will include a staff briefing of the professional development and in-service events that Pre-K 4 SA plans to conduct during the 2014-2015 school year.



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Agenda Memorandum

File Number: 14-2386

Agenda Item Number: 2.

Agenda Date: 10/7/2014

In Control: Early Childhood Education Municipal Development Professional Development Committee

DEPARTMENT: Pre-K 4 SA

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Kathy Bruck, CEO

SUBJECT:

Edvance results and recommendations for professional development

SUMMARY:

Staff briefing and Committee discussion of Edvance recommendations in Year 1 evaluation report discussed during the September 9, 2014 Board meeting regarding professional development [Kathy Bruck, Pre-K 4 SA]

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

During the September 9, 2014 Board meeting, Lauren Decker, Senior Researcher I of Edvance Research Inc. presented the Year 1 evaluation report from Edvance Research and the National Institute for Early Education Research (NIEER) for the independent evaluation of Pre-K 4 SA.

The report included recommendations related to professional development in the program.

ISSUE:

This item will include a briefing on the report recommendations and a Committee discussion of how Pre-K 4 SA can best achieve Edvance recommendations.



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Agenda Item Number: 3.

Agenda Date: 10/7/2014

In Control: Early Childhood Education Municipal Development Professional Development Committee

DEPARTMENT: Pre-K 4 SA

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Kathy Bruck, CEO

SUBJECT:

Community representative input for Professional Development Committee

SUMMARY:

Committee discussion to potentially invite select community representatives to be appointed to the Professional Development Committee as ex-officio, non-voting members [Kathy Bruck, Pre-K 4 SA CEO]

ISSUE:

This item will include a Committee discussion to potentially include community representatives from a variety of backgrounds to participate in future Committee meetings.