



Early Childhood Education Task Force

January 8, 2016

Mesa Counts on College Access Center
635 East Broadway Road, Mesa, AZ (South entrance)
(Take stairs to 2nd floor meeting room)
Meeting Begins at 1 p.m.

Dr. David Luna, Chair	Rhonda Anderson, Member	Jake Brown, Member
Mike Hutchinson, Member	Paul Luna, Member	Dr. Anjum Majeed, Member
Cynthia Melde, Member	Linda McKeever, Member	Allison Mullady, Member
Nancy Salmon, Member	Dr. James Zaharis, Member	Deanna Villanueva-Saucedo, Member
Dr. Dawn Foley, Member*		

(* New Member appointed by Council on January 7, 2016)

1. Call to order by Task Force Chair.
Call to order at approximately 1:00 pm by Chairperson Luna. Task force members Rhonda Anderson, Jake Brown and Dr. Anjum Majeed were absent.
2. Discuss and take action on December 14, 2015 task force minutes.
Approved.
3. Hear overview of process to date, process for community feedback, and goals for today's meeting, Chair Luna.
Task force member introductions including City of Mesa staff in attendance. PowerPoint and Information packet provided to the task force. Last meeting the task force discussed the need to better understand and define the challenges faced in Mesa as related to early childhood education. The goal today is to define some key findings and draw shared conclusions based on the data presented. Community feedback forms available in the back of the room and can be submitted to staff.
4. Hear a presentation by City staff and participate in a facilitated discussion regarding the research data collected and relative to the following questions and topic areas:
 - a. Based on reviews of the data presented, do you believe there is a defined challenge/problem related to early childhood education in Mesa?
 - b. Based on what we know now, what key findings define the state of early childhood education in Mesa and impact the ability to ensure that Mesa's children arrive at kindergarten ready and able to learn?
 - c. Is there a need for additional information? If so, what information is needed and where can it be found?
 - d. Any new information to be provided from task force members today?
 - e. What are the task force's key conclusions as it relates to 'defining Mesa's challenge(s) for early childhood education?

Niel Curley gave a PowerPoint presentation of research data requested by the task force at their first meeting. Four broad areas of impact were agreed upon by the committee (Accessibility, Affordability, Awareness and Academic Quality).
5. Confirm next meeting: January 15, 2016, 1 p.m. Mesa Counts on College Access Center.

Completed

6. Adjourn meeting (Motion and Second).

Meeting adjourned at approximately 3:00 p.m.

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