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**Meeting Notes**  
**Family Success Alliance Council Meeting**  
**Monday, October 19, 2015**  
**Orange County Library**

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**In attendance:**

**Council:** Sheldon Lanier, Colleen Bridger, Jenifer Della Valle, Mark Do rosin, Angela Wilcox, Michael Reinke, Debra Farrington, Jake Henry, Cordelia Henry, Bernadette Pelissier, Sharon Freeland, Luke Smith, Robin Pulver, Audrey Spence-Horsley, Aviva Scully, Delores Bailey, Mack Koonce, Liska Lackey, Alice Denson, Michael Steiner, Nancy Coston

**Absent:** Loryn Clark, Charles Blackwood, Nate Broman-Folks, Miguel Munoz, Katrina Solomon

**Staff:** Meredith Stewart, Melvyn Blackwell, Meredith McMonigle, Stacy Shelp, Beatrice Parker, Angela Clapp, Alizarina Rojas, Mariela Hernandez

**Guest Present:** Melanie Jones, Ambra Wilson, Claudia Yerena, Brittany Allen, Eddie Morrison

**Welcome**

Michael S. started the meeting by having all council members and guest introduce themselves. He noted to everyone that there would be a press conference after the meeting. He encouraged everyone to attend. He also reviewed the agenda topics.

**Project Updates**

Meredith M. presented some results from the FSA Kindergarten Readiness Program. She explained assessment test were given to students before and after the program to assess growth or the lack thereof. She reported, at the end of the program 67% of students were proficient in readiness skills. She reported parents and teachers were very happy with the program. She noted the program received a lot of support, from FSA partners, parents, and teachers. Meredith hinted to the council that there will be a request in the near future to continue the kindergarten readiness program in the upcoming year, of 2016.

Stacy presented a FSA slide show that the council may use to promote the FSA. Stacy reviewed and explained the make-up of the presentations (i.e. who the FSA is and why does FSA matters). She invited council members to make changes and/or modify the presentation as they see fit, but to stay within the frameworks of the original theme and message of the presentation. Stacy revisited some of the talking points, from a previous council meeting, that council members can utilize. She encouraged council members to present a FSA presentation to their staff and those in their networks. A goal was set for January 2016, for council members to at least make one FSA presentation.

**Budget Recommendations**

Meredith M. discussed strategic plans for 2016. She explained that zone navigators recently hosted community meetings in the zones. The purpose of these meetings was to get the zone resident input on which, of the previously identified pipeline priorities, they would like to see the FSA work on for the upcoming year. She explained the results were out of school activities and/or programming. She noted that families expressed the need for after school opportunities for their children. She suggested that the FSA get together with school partners to come up with acceptable out of school programs/activities. She noted that the FSA has been allotted \$150,000 for the upcoming year. She proposed that the FSA use \$120,000 towards strengthening the pipeline over the next year. Having these funds go towards the next kindergartner readiness and literacy programs, out of school and enrichment activities. With this proposal, the FSA would ask the school districts to contribute 20% to the cost of the programs.

Meredith M. made a budget request on behalf of Boomerang Inc. Boomerang seeks funding in the amount of \$5,000 from the council to continue operating their programs for the upcoming year.

Sheldon Lanier explained the significant role he feels like Boomerang plays for students and families in Zone 6, and suggested that the amount Boomerang is asking for be doubled (\$10,000).

Michael Steiner prompted for a motion on the floor. Sheldon motioned that the FSA contribute \$10,000 to fund Boomerang. Debra Farrington requested an amendment to the motion. She requested the motion caveat that the \$10,000 contribution be a one-time contribution until further notice. Colleen Bridger added, to the amendment. Bridger noted that she would support the motion only if it was guaranteed that the monies allocated to Boomerang will contribute to programs and services that serve Zone residents. All were in favor of the motion to allocate \$10,000 to Boomerang. Sharon Freeland abstained from voting on the motion.

### **Strategic Planning Process**

Meredith S. provided a brief strategic management overview. She alluded that at the December council meeting the goal is to do some goal setting and re-visiting to some of the conversation that have taken place on today's meeting. She explained that the council will be more structured as work groups in spring 2016.

### **Wrap Up**

Meredith M invited all to come to the FSA hosted collective impact summit on December 2, 2015.

Michael Steiner adjourned the meeting, and invited all those in attendance to stay for the press conference that will be held after the meeting.