

**4Cs Board of Directors Meeting
January 16, 2010
Minutes**

Board Members Present: Renee Whitlock-Hemsouvanh, David Wattell, Christina Curry, Bob Sayers, Tracy Johnson, Jo McCormick, Gary Hochman

Board Members Absent: Tom Schwedhelm, Katie Pierce

Staff Present: Melanie Dodson, Maya Labourdette, Tina Paige, Mira Wonderwheel, Jim Walters, Sue Katz, Michelle Ruggles, Lara Magnusdottir, Jeanette Swanstrom, Claudia Gonzalez, Jonathan Lucha

Announcements:

- Tracy shared that there will be three Saturday Seminars about the Infant and Toddler Foundations on Feb. 27, March 6, and March 13, 2010. 4Cs is supporting the registration and will be offered several free slots.

Renee called the meeting to order at 9:29 a.m.

1. The agenda was approved unanimously. **(M/Wattell, S/Hochman)**
2. The November 2009 Board minutes were approved unanimously **(M/Sayers, S/Hochman)**.
3. There were no critical Board Committee updates.
4. Emergency Closure for Bennett Valley Child Development Center was approved unanimously. **(M/Hochman, S/Johnson)**
5. Emergency Closure for Kawana State Preschool was approved unanimously. **(M/Wattell, S/Sayers)**
6. Agency Update from Executive Director, Melanie Dodson:
 - Melanie shared an appeal letter from San Mateo 4Cs that was designed from our fall ask letter. Agency received \$10,000 from Elsie Darling, \$2,500 from WestAmerica Bank and \$3,100 from the Fall Ask campaign.
 - Date for the 4Cs main office move is the weekend of March 19, 2010. The new facility is scheduled to be ready by March 5, 2010. Some of the expenses are coming in lower than originally anticipated, which is great. We are looking for furniture for the Board Room.

- Melanie attended an Aiming High meeting at SCOE and was pleased that all of the agencies represented at the meeting shared about partnerships they have with 4Cs.
- At the last Child Care Planning Council meeting, Shirley Zane talked about the county Upstream Project that the Board of Supervisors is working on. There is talk about the benefits of investing in early childhood education as an Upstream Project to eliminate expenses in the justice system.
- The Governor's January Budget Proposal for FY 10-11 has a .38 COLA reduction and a 30% cut to CalWORKs Stage 3 child care. Our advocates and education of the legislature begins now.
- The Strategic Plan document is complete. The plan will be mailed to attendees of the Community Conversations held in Feb. 2009.
- The new agency web site is set to go live early February 2010.
- Representatives from 4Cs including Melanie, Renee, Jo and Brian Fulkerson (Summit State Bank) will be attending the North Bay Leadership Council's upcoming meeting "The Key to Economic Success in the 21st Century: Investment in Early Childhood."

7. Update from Board President, Renee Whitlock-Hemsouvanh:

- There is a trend of parents touring preschools and asking for information about elementary schools. Parents appear to be preparing for school in advance and looking ahead at possible inter-district transfers. It will be important for 4Cs to have the information about where families can go to gather information about school districts.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:22 a.m. (M/Sayers, S/Hochman) unanimously approved.