



Memo

To: Breckenridge Town Council Members
From: Corrie Burr
Date: June 29, 2020
Subject: June 17, 2020 Child Care Advisory Meeting Report

The Child Care Advisory Committee held an added special meeting on June 17, 2020. This special meeting was held to help with budgeting and any potential financial need with the centers. Committee members present via GoToMeeting: Scott Perlow, Greta Shackelford, Laura Amedro, Jay Homola, Johanna Gibbs, Austyn Dineen, Heather Garcia, Mary Jo Zweig and Joyce Ruderman. Kelly Owens was unable to attend. Staff from the Town of Breckenridge included Laurie Best, Julia Puester and Corrie Burr. Leslie Davis also joined the meeting.

Application Update

We have received 20 applications and there are 18 more that have been started. I have fully processed one application that is a family that didn't qualify for tuition assistance prior to COVID, so the application was processed to add the family to tuition assistance for July and August. We have done new calculations for 2019-2020 for five families so far that received more assistance for June through August.

Corrie is working to get the word out through social media and adding in radio and Summit Daily announcements since we can not be in person at the centers this year.

Center Update & Financial Status

The budgets, deficits and forecasting is still a challenge with the number of kids changing daily. The final amount of loss will be dependent on the centers being successful with getting their PPP loans forgiven. The monthly loss for June range from around \$8,000 to over \$30,000. Greta shared that Little Red appears to be breaking even (currently) if the PPP loan is forgiven.

The centers are working through the restriction that kids need to be kept out of the center if they ANY symptom listed for kids (congestion, cough, fever above 100.4, vomiting and diarrhea) for at least 10 days or have a negative COVID test. This may cause families to drop out given the volatility of simple symptoms that exclude their child for 10 days. This also affects staffing as they have the same restrictions, just a different list of symptoms.

Greta also shared how much of a benefit it was to have SPK and TOB assistance remain the same for March through June and stressed that this is the one predictable item in a very unpredictable budget and situation. Greta requested this to remain the same for the next 2 months to help with forecasting for all centers. This will be brought to Town Council for consideration.

The centers are currently able to continue operating and will continue to evaluate and assess financial standing and any anticipated need each month.

Additional Support Needs from the Committee

Corrie will reach out to Eagle to see if they have had any situations of closure due to positive tests, and words of wisdom with their child care facilities. The offer was made to continue to support the centers as much as we can, and asked that they all remember the committee and members if they find they need help. Joyce Ruderman offered to volunteer to work a day at each center to help with staffing.

Breckenridge Montessori Rent Request

Town Council approved the rent forgiveness for Breckenridge Montessori for July and August. This information was immediately shared with Beth to assist with budgeting.

Adjourned at 4:02 pm.