

<https://ce.santarosa.edu/sites/ce.santarosa.edu.santarosa.edu/files/documents/Welding%20Minutes%203.8.24.pdf> SRJC Advisory Committee Agenda

Date: December 1, 2023

Time: 12:30 pm-2:30pm

Location via Zoom: <https://santarosa-edu.zoom.us/j/84403521291>

Facilitator: Melanie Dodson, Alice Hampton

Attendees

Committee Members: Melanie Dodson, Kathy Kelley, Jenny Copeland, Liz Deprimo proxy for Susy Marron, Megan Rhodes, Megan Willson, Renee Alger- proxy for Leslie Corrales, Maria Banuelos, Milagros Ott.

SRJC attendees: Linda Maloney, Maleese Warner, Jennifer Perez, Rachel Smith, Linda Maloney, Mackenzie Galindo, Martha Ceja

Guests: Elita Amini Virmani,

Agenda:

May meeting minutes approval –

- 1st Melanie Dodson
- 2nd Jenny Copeland

1. Introductions

2. Announcements

- a. Announcements of job openings a local program
- b. Online job board with career education at SRJC- Handshake, SSU also uses handshake
- c. Now is the time to enroll for Spring Semester send them to <https://www.santarosa.edu/>
- d. Mentor program- is currently doing a book study: Rough and Tumble Play by Mike Huber. All are invited; contact Alice Hampton for more info.
- e. Evening of Honor event will be on April 12th 2024
- f. Early Learners Conference- September 14th 2024.

3. PK-3 Credential update

- a. Commission on Teacher Credentialing created Prek-3rd credential.
- b. Waiting for state approval
- c. SSU is offering this credential Fall 2024 (now pushed back to FA25)
 - Community College ECE practicum counts towards this credential (up to 200 hours of the 600 below)
 - 600 hours of clinical practice total for credential; must include preschool and elementary
 - Willing to waive additional 200 hours for those who have been working for 6 years in Early Childcare Education. - this option has a lot of caveats.
 - Child 66 will be 6 hours a week with a total of 102 hours a semester starting FA24
- d. How is this information being distributed to our workers?
 - JC perspective- a lot of students are going through child development to get their multiple subject credential.
- e. PK-3 credential could influence the wage structure.
- f. Controversy/ division in Early childhood Field over this change.

4. Updating the PS Learning Foundations.

- a. CDE is changing language, and differentiation between early preschool and late preschool.
- b. CDE infant toddlers' foundations will be updated at a later time
- c.

5. Mentor program update

- a. Mentor program is back
- b. Now under Dept of Social Services
- c. Mentor teachers supervise student teachers
- d. Mentor directors mentors other administrators from the community.
- e. If someone is looking for mentor teacher or mentor director or interested in becoming one, reach out to Alice Hampton.

6. Children's Center: Outdoor Classroom design plans

- a. The Child Development department wanted to focus on the outdoor environment. Alice went to the Nature Explore Leadership Conference in July. She learned about the Nature Kinship Framework and how outdoors is a big social emotional support for children being outdoors. Children's Center would like to be a demonstration site. They are actively trying to update the spaces in all the classrooms and include sensory spaces. There is no completion date on this project as funding is an issue.
- b. Suggested outdoors environments to be an Early Learners conference theme idea.
 - Keep in mind gaps in the community with outdoor spaces.
 - Missed opportunities in our community.
- c. Tailor our ELC tours to have centers that have outdoor environments set up.
 - KRCB media – documentation for an outdoor space, also the Children's museum, and Landpaths (Bayer farm) have great examples of the outdoor spaces.

7. Child 66 and Major/ Certificate changes

a. Child 66

- Starting in Fall 2024 there will be a reduction in units to Child 66 from 6 units to 4 units. Also, reduced from 9 hours to 6 hours in the classroom. Jenn Perez will be the instructor for Child 66 in the Spring 24 and Fall 24.
- The reason for change: SRJC requirement exceeded the state requirement.

b. SCECE apprenticeship Program Updates

- Started with 11 apprentices for Fall 2023. Spring 2024 we have 30 apprentices signed up. Planning to launch Teacher Certificate Summer 2024. 1st cohort did very well- great team helping the cohort to succeed.
- Now in the process of setting up the Pre-apprenticeship for high schoolers.
- Spanish cohort 10 students- big interest; and the English cohort is 20 students.
- Apprenticeship program was recognized state wide.
 1. One of the goals is to create and build the Child Care industry
 2. Apprentices are paid to work in a participating program
 3. Apprentices get free textbooks.

c. Enrollment in Child Development Classes

- Now offering Hybrid classes- Meeting one day per week with other part of classes on Canvas; often 6-8 pm class with an hour of online content
- Open to people's suggestions to offer the classes in other ways
- Can't offer all child development classes online

- In spring, we will offer one Child 10 class at the county jail

8. Discussion: current issues in our field

- a. People brainstormed and shared current issues they are dealing with in our local ECE Programs including:

- posting jobs on Handshake- <https://careerhub.santarosa.edu/job-board>
Programs meeting ratios, it's been challenging.
- Address burn out by place extra teachers in the classrooms.
- Many open positions staffing problems compounded by cold and flu season.
- Quality counts is funding more reflective practice professional development.
- K. Kelly- Behavioral Consultation project facing funding issues
- Some programs close early one day a week to provide professional development.
- Issue of teacher stress affecting child behavior good article
<https://www.communityplaythings.com/resources/articles/regulation-as-the-foundation-for-lear>
- Create better spaces for teachers to have a break
 1. She shed as the staff break area.
 2. Extra day for a work day with no children.
 3. Invest in our families, give PDA's
- Leadership relationship- make each individual feel more special. Teachers need to feel equal and listened to.
- CCPC -Behavioral health for providers across the county-
 1. Workgroup on looking at all the data
 2. More information on workgroup email edeprimo@scoe.org

- b. Directors seminar are a great way to share ideas with other programs. Contact Alice Hampton for more information.

Meeting adjourned at 2:01pm