

Howard County Chapter MSCCA Meeting 9/16/2020

Participants

Joan Johnson	Randi Alberston
Damita Robinson (Emmanuel)	Maria Kirby (Columbia Academy)
Kim Wissman (Glenelg United Methodist)	Rhonda Barnes (Goddard Columbia)
Lynn Moratis (Goddard Columbia)	Kirsten Mahoney (Glenelg Country School)
Sahar Khan (Kiddie Academy)	Lauren Bonnet (Kiddie Academy Columbia)
Julia Tomanovich (Head Start)	Sue Kruhm (Peter Pan)
Call-In User 2 and Call-In User 3 (?)	A. Swartz (Children's Magnet Montessori)
Kelly Miller (Kindred)	Jessica Keppler (Hilltop)
Jodi Fishman (Bet Yeladim)	Marcie Cissell (Bet Yeladim)
Patty Kincaid (Columbia Academy)	Amy Schroeder (Mt. Hebron)
Michelle Tuerk (Celebree Woodstock)	Jo Smetak (Running Brooke Nursery)
Sarwat Saleem (Greater Montessori)	Heather Andrews (Goddard EC)
Jenny James (First Lutheran)	Director 1 (Gina, Goddard Columbia)
Allison (Resurrection – St Paul School)	Owner (Kiddie Academy of Ellicott City)

Minutes

Welcome (Randi). Things are changing daily. Introductions

MSCCA Updates

- Conference by the Sea next week virtually.
- Association working hard to address all new regulations, changes, etc. by speaking to legislature members, MSDE and others. Also have done WBAL and NBS 4 interviews. Writing letters pushing for a return to normal ratios.
- Board meeting tomorrow. Will send updates on new developments.

Member Comments

- Jo Smetak -- Policy on shredding background information on people (parent volunteers) who have left. She had shredded and licensing said I should have kept the records for two years. (Damita – Training with CJIS – yes must keep records for 2 years)
- Maria K – COVID-19 training status? Not sure. It will be offered by MSDE only in a virtual platform.

- MSDE Accreditation – Nothing is happening. Everyone’s current status is being preserved. No timeframe for renewing. MSDE is looking at it. There have been changes – Program Improvement Visits are optional and will be conducted virtually by QAS. Validation visits will be conducted by validators.
- Jessica K – Has anyone had a virtual licensing visit? Jo was notified that she will be getting a visit soon. Jodi – we had ours. Had to send in paperwork (staffing patterns and staff training). Virtual room inspections.
- Amy S – Has anyone had to call Health Department? Very impressed with call she had to make – she answered a series of questions with intake person. Within 20 minutes a health official called back who talked about the proper procedure to follow and what to tell the family. She followed up with an email with everything written out. It was a positive experience
- Any news about RECC programs returning to school for in-person? No
- Jessica K – Looking for staff. Any resources or leads?
- Glenelg Country School is looking for an Art Teacher
- Bet Yeladim is looking for afternoon Infant/Toddler teachers
- Staffing was a problem before COVID and it is even more difficult right now. (Randi)
- How long to keep temperature records of faculty or children? Not sure. Important to keep for contact tracing.
- How are programs handling sign in and sign out? Google forms, Sign-in table outside front door, staff, Apps

Randi – What would you like to see from the association? Meeting topics?

- Jo – Appreciates all the Go2s updates from association.
- Continue to push for ratios
- Jo – Would Amy share her form?
- Continue to work as a bridge between Child Care and Public Schools.