

Bear River Head Start
Policy Council Goals
2025-2026

Currently elected Policy Council Officers set goals for our 2025-2026 Policy Council (PC) during their Policy Council Officer Training.

GOALS

1. Policy Council Representatives will have ongoing cross-communication with their Parent Committees.

- ⇒ Policy Council members are encouraged to attend Parent Committee Meetings (PCM's) and be willing to share how they went at PC meetings.
- ⇒ Information will be shared with program parents/guardians through:
 - Policy Council Reports at PCM's
 - Parent Committee Meeting Reports to parents/guardians
 - www.brheadstart.org website
- ⇒ The Policy Council will brainstorm ideas to help build awareness and encourage parent/guardian attendance at Parent Committee Meetings.
- ⇒ Staff will keep parents/guardians informed of upcoming PCM's. Some suggestions include posting flyers at each center of upcoming PCM's as well as sending reminders via phone call, text, email, putting flyers in children's boxes at school and including the information in the weekly/monthly newsletters, etc.

2. Policy Council Officers and all Policy Council members will make sure there is a quorum at every Policy Council meeting. The Policy Council will have meaningful discussion and maintain balance of the Policy Council agenda/meeting. The Policy Council will stay on task and follow the agenda.

3. Policy Council will do their best to review all Policy Council emails/packets and familiarize themselves with the brheadstart.org website. Policy Council members will be trained using the Policy Council online Learning Management System (LMS), or other training methods, and can refer back to it as needed.

4. Policy Council members will share information about recruitment to potential Head Start children and families. Policy Council can help spread the word to others about how to apply for Bear River Head Start (BRHS) enrollment and employment at Parent Committee Meetings and in the community.

5. Policy Council members will be prepared to share about upcoming community events and resources at both the Policy Council and Parent Committee Meetings. Policy Council members will work toward overall child well-being and positive child and family outcomes.

IMPLEMENTATION

- Policy Council members will complete the Policy Council Training and sign that they have completed the training.
- The Policy Council will receive ongoing training at Policy Council meetings.
- Policy Council members will maintain confidentiality.
- Policy Council will receive a Policy Council report from their family advocate and/or via the BRHS website to be shared at their Parent Committee Meetings.
- Communication between the Policy Council and Parent Committees (parents/guardians) will take place regularly.
- Staff will keep parent/guardians informed of parent engagement workshops/PCM, etc.
- The Policy Council and staff will encourage Bear River Head Start parents/guardians to volunteer.
- Policy Council will encourage attendance at Parent Committee Meetings and Policy Council meetings.
- Policy Council will share community events and resources.
- Policy Council will encourage discussion and stay on task following the PC agenda
- The Policy Council report will be shared with all parents/guardians and uploaded to the brheadstart.org website.

MEASURES

- ❖ Policy Council members will attend all monthly meetings to ensure a quorum.
- ❖ Policy Council members will be active participants in the approval/disapproval of program decisions, grants, policies, budgets, hiring of staff, etc.
- ❖ The Policy Council will receive ongoing training.

OUTCOMES

- ★ BRHS staff will provide Policy Council with packets and information in a timely manner. BRHS staff will provide continual training for Policy Council members so they are aware of and fully trained in program policies and procedures in each program area.
- ★ A PC report will be shared with families and uploaded to our brheadstart.org website.
- ★ The Policy Council will work toward increased parent engagement.

DOCUMENTATION

Policy Council packet, grants, funding requests, budget committee meeting information, reports, FIR, short-term goals and Strategic Plans, work plans, monthly program reports, mail outs, etc.

Policy Council Chairperson Signature: _____ Date: _____