



**Shoreline Community College**  
16101 Greenwood Avenue North  
Shoreline, WA 98133

## Education Advisory Committee

**Friday, March 16, 2018**

**1:30 – 3:00pm**

**The Children's Garden at Burke Gilman Gardens**

5251 Sand Point Way

Seattle, WA 98105

### **MINUTES**

**In attendance:** *Industry Representatives*

Jennifer Kelty (Chair), The Children's Center at Burke Gilman Gardens

Karleen Pederson Wolfe, Seattle Central College

Luckisha Phillips, YWCA, Reentry & Family Services (by phone)

*Shoreline CC Administrator/Faculty*

Amy Kinsel, Dean, Social Sciences and Library

Betty Peace-Gladstone, Education Faculty

Minutes were reviewed from June 2017 meeting

### **New Committee Membership Discussion**

It was decided by consensus to retain the existing committee for both the Early Childhood and the Paraeducator programs. The membership will be expanded to include representation from preK-12 public school settings, including a person serving as a paraeducator. Betty and Amy will work on that during the spring quarter.

### **ECE Program Updates**

Enrollment is strong, courses going well, Ninder Gill is working out very well as a part-time faculty. Betty was on reduced teaching load winter quarter in order to develop MCOs and planning guides for the new paraeducator stackable certificates and AAS-T degree.

### **ECE Program Updates (enrollment, part-time faculty, course schedule)**

The new degree and certificates was discussed; Betty provided an overview and a projected enrollment of new students in the fall of 2018. It is likely to have a slow start, as school districts are not yet fully aware of these new state standardized programs, and the new requirements for paraeducator credentials are not mandatory for at least another year.

### **Updates from the Field**

The following topics were discussed:

- Impact of new minimum wage law and increased credential requirement for child care; resulting in difficulty for many centers to find qualified staff.

- Indications are that Early Achievers scholarship funding may shift toward BA and MA programs in the next few years.
- Challenges in Seattle and surrounding area for childcare centers to find appropriate space, due to pressures on real estate and rising property values
- Challenges for low-income families on subsidized child care to find care for their children; fewer centers are accepting subsidized clients due to low rates of reimbursement and increasing costs of providing care.

Minutes submitted by

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