

Aggie CARE's Work and Faculty Forum Minutes
January 11, 2011

Attendees: Carrie Stott, Leah Schilling, Cara Allen, Ann Austin, Nick Guo, Sanghamitra Roy, Lisa Boyce and Doris McGonagill.

After our regular introductions around the table our discussions centered around the Delores Dore Eccles Center for Early Care and Education. We had a faculty member who currently has children at the Center and another faculty member looking at that option for her baby in the future. Linda Gilgen is the program coordinator for the Center and is available to give tours and answer questions concerning the new center. She can be reached at 797-3657 or linda.gilgen@usu.edu.

Lisa Boyce, the Interim Executive Director of the new center, was interested in getting feedback from parents in how to best serve them. The topic of a children's exposure to their home language when the home language is not English was discussed. Having children exposed to learning other cultures and languages is a positive attribute that would be wonderful to implement in the schools or child care settings. Along the same lines the dietary and food experiences that children get in care settings was discussed. Having children experience cultural food would be beneficial.

Other topics were the licensing status of the new center and a grant opportunity with the on campus center and Best Friends Child Care coordinating to implement more math experiences within the childcare day.

The reserving of infant slots at the center for faculty members to hold a slot could yield the opportunity for another person to use a time slot through some time of a scholarship opportunity.

If you have not noticed our payroll tax was lowered by 2% and that should show an increase in your take home pay beginning in 2011.

Next faculty forum will be February 8, 2011 at noon.