

Policy Council Information Sheet

1. The Policy Council is made up of parents and community representatives.
2. At least 51 percent of Council members are parents.
3. Head Start parents from all four counties serve on the Highland Rim Economic Corporation/Head Start Council.
4. Community representative work or volunteer for agencies or organizations that provide services to children and families.
5. The Policy Council can be compared to a School Board.
6. The Council approves 1) the hiring or firing of Head Start employees, 2) the budget, and 3) grants, plans and policies.
7. Parents will elect Policy Council members for their center or county at the September parent committee meeting.
8. A parent member and alternate and a community representative(s) will be elected for each county.
9. A parent who volunteers or is nominated to serve on the Policy Council should be very sure he or she can attend daytime meetings.
10. The Council will meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month at the Highland Rim Head Start Central Office in Erin, TN.
11. Most Council meetings will begin at 11:00 am and end by 12 noon via Zoom.
12. Council members who attend meetings will be provided transportation or paid mileage and for the cost of childcare.
13. The Policy Council makes very important decisions concerning how money is spent and centers operate. Parent members and community representatives should attend all meeting or notify the central office if they cannot attend.