



Item: AF: A-2

AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
Thursday, April 10, 2014

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED 2014-15 KAREN A. SLATTERY EDUCATION RESEARCH CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT FEES.

PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION

Review and recommend to the Board of Trustees approval of the proposed Karen A. Slattery Education Research Center for Child Development fees.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Karen A. Slattery Educational Research Center for Child Development (SERCCD) combines research and teaching early child development with daily care for the children of students, faculty, staff and members of the public. The Slattery Center falls administratively under the aegis of the College of Education and is operated as an auxiliary enterprise. Financial support comes from two primary sources: user fees and appropriation of student fees. This presentation provides a brief comparison of Slattery Pre-school qualities compared with traditional child care facilities, a market comparison review and a recommended fee increase for 2014-15. These recommendations are a product of several reviews (administrative and parent advisory board) and advertised parental input meetings to develop and review the proposed fee structure for 2014-15.

The recommendation is to increase fees for all age groupings by \$30 per month. This action is necessary to support the installation of a Pre-K playground, Sensory Integration Therapy Swing and to upgrade classroom windows to impact glass.

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN/DATE

The rate changes requested would become effective on August 1, 2014.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

This action balances the budget of the Slattery ERCCD auxiliary for the 2014-15 fiscal year.

Supporting Documentation: Slattery ERCCD 2014-15 Fee Structure Power Point Presentation.

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2014-15 KAREN A. SLATTERY RESEARCH
CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT FEE

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The Karen Slattery Center

- Educational Research Center for Child Development that was established in accordance with Florida Statute 1011.48
- Serves 100 children, 3 months to 5 years of age
- Provides a laboratory for teaching, practicums and research
- Financed through tuition and students fees as authorized in Florida Statute 1011.48 and 1009.24(14)(s)
- Accredited by the National Association for the Educational of Young Children (NAEYC)
- Received Palm Beach County Quality Counts Five Star Rating
- Provides for Florida Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten Program

Local Market Survey & Proposal

	Number of Survey Respondents	2013-14 Monthly Fee Range	2013-14 Slattery Monthly Fee	2014-15 Proposed Slattery Monthly Fee
Infant	8	\$720 - \$1,325	\$1,065	\$1,095
One-year Old	12	\$640 - \$1,325	\$1,065	\$1,095
Two-year Old	13	\$580 - \$1,325	\$935	\$965
Three-year Old	14	\$540 - \$1,253	\$831	\$861
Four-year Old	14	\$400 - \$1,253	\$585	\$615

February 2014 survey of local provider fees for Infant to Age Four.

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- Recommendation: Increase all age groups by \$30.00 per month, effective August 1, 2014

- Revenue to be used for the following:
 - Installation of Pre-K playground
 - Installation of Sensory Integration Therapy Swing
 - Upgrade classroom windows to impact glass

- Process for review of rate change included approval by the Karen Slattery Board of Directors

- Fee increase was reviewed by parents during a session held April 2014