



Item : AF: A-3

AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
Tuesday, April 16, 2013

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED 2013-14 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 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 2013-14. These recommendations are a product of administrative review, parent advisory board approval and an advertised parental input meeting to develop the proposed fee structure for 2013-14.

The recommendation is to increase fees for all age groupings by \$15 per month. This action is necessary for strengthening school security through the installation of a school-wide intercom system with enhanced video security features and to upgrade classroom windows to impact glass.

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN/DATE

The rate changes requested would become effective on August 1, 2013.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

This action balances the budget of the Slattery ERCCD auxiliary for the 2013-14 fiscal year.

Supporting Documentation: Slattery ERCCD 2013-14 Fee Structure Power Point Presentation

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2013-14 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

	Monthly Fee Range	Slattery Monthly Fee	Number of survey respondents
Infant	\$720 - \$1,292	\$1,050	8
One-year Old	\$640 - \$1,292	\$1,050	14
Two-year Old	\$580 - \$1,292	\$ 920	14
Three-year Old	\$540 - \$1,233	\$ 816	14
Four-year Old	\$540 - \$1,233	\$ 570	14

March 2013 survey of local provider fees for Infant to Age Four.

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- Recommendation: Increase all age groups by \$15.00 per month, effective August 1, 2013
- Revenue to be used to strengthen school security
 - Installation of school-wide intercom system
 - Enhanced video security features
 - Upgrade classroom windows to impact glass
- Process for review of rate change included approval by the Karen Slattery Board of Directors
- Fee increase reviewed and supported by parents during session held April 1, 2013