



August 7, 2019

11:00-12:00

Bristol Board of Education Room – Room #36

Members Present: Kyana Anderson, Kate Kerchaert, Laurent Kittle, Donna Koser, Donna Osuch, Mary Alice Petrucelli-Timek, Catherine Plourde, Linda Rich, Morgan Urgo, Melissa Volpe and Mindy Wallen

Start Ups/Welcome: Lauren welcomed everyone to the meeting. All present were asked to introduce themselves along with what organization they represented.

Caplan Grant: Mary Alice suggested creating a subcommittee to prepare for the submittal of a letter of intent; which includes a small a mini proposal. Morgan and Kristen volunteered. Mary Alice will also reach out to the group that met in January to see if they would like to be a part of the work. The proposal must be something new to the community. Trauma was discussed in past meetings. Letter of intent is due 1/31/20. Awards can be from \$25,000 – 40,000.00.

Community Outreach:

This month, Friday Facts were for breastfeeding and immunizations. August Outreach is planned for the Ice Cream Truck/Book Distribution, Cambridge Park, Rockwell Park Festival and the Mayor's Pencil Hunt.

Thank you to all who donated items for the UWWCC Golf Outing raffle [on display at the meeting].

Subcommittees:

Infant & Toddler – Saturday's event was well attended and was a great event for all. MaryAlice provided a presentation around bonding with your children through singing, using a journal to capture your child's life and creating cross stitched items to remember them. Each attendee received a cross stitch starter kit and a journal (funded through Thrivent Financial Action Team). Lee from Dragonflies studio provided a yoga with those in attendance and Maureen read stories to the children and spoke to the parents about the importance of reading to babies and young children.

Health – The committee took the summer off. The next meeting is September 10th. It is National Immunization Month and the health department is encouraging people to get their vaccinations up to date. Information on the risks for unvaccinated children has been provided to families.

Transition to Kindergarten (T/K) – The committee has taken a summer break from meetings. Ongoing work throughout the summer includes: surveys to the principals (3 questions). Feedback so far has been mostly positive, with a few people who did not like the one night, one purpose.

The Countdown to Kindergarten program is scheduled for August 22nd. Details have been shared on Facebook and Making Bristol Better.

Sparkler: Donna Osuch shared that the OEC has reached out with questions on the UWWCC/BECA/SR pilot program application. If Bristol is chosen, there could be \$40,000.00 in funding and training for staff. The UWWCC should hear more soon. If chosen, Donna Osuch asked members to think about what Bristol parents would welcome for incentives. Some of the items discussed were: books, developmental toys, gift cards and bags that fold up and fit in your pocket. The Carousel Museum offered to assist with passes.

Prenatal to Birth Work: A name for Phase II has been chosen. Bristol's Babies Bridge to Literacy. On September 26, Dr. Bartles (retired eye doctor) will provide a presentation around the handheld devices and blue lights from the devices and the effects to the eyes and brain. A letter has been sent to the Friends of the Library to see if it was possible to send families of newborns born in Bristol to the library for a copy of *I Love You Like Sunshine* at the library. The Friends do not meet until the fall.

Community Sharing/Upcoming Events/Meetings:

United Way: This Saturday at the Farmer's Market will be a celebration of the 100-day challenge. Upcoming Events are the *Annual Golf Outing at Chippanee Golf Club* (Sept. 5) and the *United Way Wine Tasting* (Nov. 1). Adopt-a-Child is in process and the anticipated count of children who will need a backpack, supplies and clothing is expected to be between 550 and 600. If you are interested in adopting a child, please let Donna K. or any staff member at the United Way know.

FRC: This year's focus is on Parents Helping Parents (PHP), dad's focus group at West Bristol and focus group with parents with children with special needs. One group of parents has created a Spanish Facebook page where resources are shared.

BH Parent & Child Center: Upcoming classes include: Routines and Transitions, Family and Prenatal Yoga and Family Cook coming up. Other groups are ongoing as well.

Park and Rec: August 22 Pencil Hunt will be larger this year and include Preschool. Anticipated amount of children is 900. There will be Bronze, Silver and Gold prizes. Vendor's do not need to worry about "breaking the bank", there will be plenty of extra's on hand.

Early Registration for fall programs has opened. General registration opens soon.

Wheeler Clinic: Happy to announce that there is a "full team" in place for Child first.

Carousel Museum: The studio is up and running with thanks to the Bristol Rotary. The museum held a pilot program for Home Schooled families. It was well received and further classes will be offered.

Main Street Community Foundation: The boys and men and women and girls grant application are open. It is advised that you reach out to the foundation prior to writing your proposal. Both grants are due in September. Information is posted on the website.

Next meeting Sept 4, 2019 - 11:00 Rm 36 @ BOE 129 Church Street