



December 4, 2019

11:00-12:00

Bristol Board of Education Room – Room #36

Members Present: Jess Caetano, Maureen Eaton, Linda Ivey, Lauren Kittle, Donna Koser, Karen Lombardi, Alyssa McGhee, Donna Osuch, Kristen Peck, Mary Alice Petrucelli-Timek, Catherine Plourde, Coral Richardson, Valerie Toner & Mindy Wallen

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

Community Outreach: United Way of West Central Connecticut has been awarded a grant for the Parent Leadership Training Institute(PLTI) and the Children’s Leadership Training Institute (ages 4 and older). The training will begin on January 11th with a retreat. Weekly classes for PLTI and CLTI will begin on Monday, January 13th. For more information on this training, please visit: <https://ctcwcs.com/parent-leadership-training-institute/>. Appetite for Reading books will be available at the Polar Express (Phase II Literacy) event and at the reverse parade. A new appetite for reading site has been established at the Carousel Museum.



Caplan Grant: D. Ledger has drafted an amazing letter of intent for the Caplan Grant. The committee will finalize the letter in the next scheduled meeting and submit the letter on 1/31/20.

Sparkler Grant: The “Sparkler” app is designed to help promote children’s healthy child development. Both the Family Resource Center and Parent & Child Center are doing well reaching out to parents. Community assistance is needed to promote this service. Parents will receive useful tips through their mobile devices and the opportunity to meet with program staff. Once funding is received, stipends will be given to participating parents.

Subcommittees:

Infant & Toddler – The committee met last month in conjunction with the Phase II committee. Nothing much to report. The committee is still looking into ways to make Bristol a “Breastfeeding Friendly Community”.

Health – The committee cancelled the December meeting. The survey, conducted at the Spooktacular event held on 10/26, is still in review. It is a good idea to get your Flu vaccine. Type A Flu is currently being seen. All Pre K students enrolled in Connecticut Schools are required to have the flu vaccination by Dec. 31st. If they are receiving it for the first time, they must receive two doses separated by at least 28 days to be proper immunized.

Transition to Kindergarten (T/K) – A Director’s Forum will be held in January to discuss Transition to Kindergarten initiatives including Early Notifications, Case Consultant Committee, Transition to Kindergarten at local schools for children without IEP but may need additional help in transition and the Kick Start to Kindergarten Summer Program. The time lines for T/K for 2020 will also be shared. Consultation Committee will hope to start on Thursday, January 16 2020. The meeting will be at from 3:30 to 4:45 at BECC. Communication between providers will help in providing proper intervention, strategies and support for children in the community. Park and Rec has agreed to partner for a Kick Start to Kindergarten program for those who are not eligible for the Board of Education program. One Night, One Purpose date is hoped to be set at the next program.

Prenatal to Birth Work: Phase II “Bristol Babies Bridge to Literacy” focuses on birth to age 2. The committee The committee is moving forward with the city letter to parents who give birth in Bristol. Val Toner with the Bristol Public Library has ordered 40 books (10 of which are Spanish). This program will kick off in January. Each new child/parent will receive a card to be turned into the library staff to receive a copy of “I Love You Like Sunshine” book. The next event will be a Literacy Night with a theme of the “Polar Express” being held on

December 11th (12/12 snow date) at the Bristol Public Library. Bristol Walmart is sponsoring the bells, cookies and hot cocoa. Conductors and Mr. & Mrs. Claus have been secured. UW Kids in the Middle students will help with a variety of tasks. Park and Rec will also have train rides available the Sat. and Sun following the event.

Community Sharing/Upcoming Events/Meetings:

Parent & Child Center: Pictures with Santa (cell phone or camera) will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 17th (222 Main Street, Bristol). Each registered child will receive a free book and a stuffed animal.

Imagination: Celebrations Around the World will be held on Tuesday, December 31, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Imagine Nation, A Museum Early Learning Center (One Pleasant Street, Bristol, CT) Admission is \$6.00/members and \$12.00/non-members. Make an English "cracker", march in a parade and gather for a count down with a ball drop at 12:00 noon.

Library: The December calendar is posted on the website and on Facebook.

Park & Rec: The 34th Annual Santa Land Village will present the Polar Express. The event will be held December 12th & 13th (6-7:30 p.m.), December 14th and 15th (12-4:00 p.m.)

UW: Joy of Sharing toys will be collected this week and next.

Next meeting January 8, 2020 - 11:00 Rm 36 @ BOE 129 Church Street