

## February 3, 2021

The regular meeting of the School Readiness Council was held on February 3, 2021 @ 12:21 p.m. on Webex Meeting

**Present:** Donna Osuch (Co-Chair), Azra Redzik (Co-Chair) Kristen Peck, Karen Lombardi, Pam Testa, Maureen Eaton, Cecilia Garay, Donna Koser, , Catherine Plourde, Alyssa McGhee, Joyce Voisine., ,Peter Kelley, Lauren Kittle ,Valerie Pelletier ,Susan Adeife Lee, Brenda Moore, Jennifer St. John

**Absent:** Linda Rich, Valerie Toner

**APPROVAL OF REGULAR SCHOOL READINESS COUNCIL MEETING Minutes held on January 6, 2021** by a motion of School Readiness Council member Maureen Eaton and seconded, it was unanimous vote to: ***approve the minutes of the regular School Readiness Council meeting of January 6, 2021***

### 1. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Program Quality-** Maureen Eaton – next meeting February 9,2021 9:30 (zoom)

Desk monitoring will be completed in upcoming month on all SR programs

Discussion on how to improve our programs – health and safety; use of coaching and monitoring funds; family specialists; education consultants and behavior specialist imbedded in programs.

- **Health Committee-** Cathy Plourde next meeting March 3 @1:00 – Zoom

Issue with children and too much screen time – now effecting their vision and nearsightedness. (Virtual learning) Asking Pediatricians to be more involved in screening for vision- recommendation at least 2 hours outside per day. Dr Susan Lee discussed behavioral issues now arising with remote learning- parent’s concerned-bringing it to Pediatricians attention. Also increase in strep throat in young children – think it is a combination of ill-fitting masks and not using clean masks. Health committee will review

- **Governance Committee-** Linda Rich – No Report

- **Community Outreach-** Donna Koser-

Committee met last week (quarterly) focusing on Dine and Discuss Event (April 2021) and the 25 Resources for the Ready4K Program

- **Transition to Kindergarten Committee-** Donna Osuch Next meeting February 8,2021 3:45 (zoom)

Case Consultation Committee has been revamped effective 2-1-21

Ready 4K Program through the ParentPowered Public Benefit Corporation will be

launching 2nd week of February 202

Time to Register for Kindergarten- online Registration started 2-221- Please use the tag line in your e-mails.

- **Infant and Toddler Committee- - Chairperson Lauren Kittle -next meeting date March 1,2021 1:30 (zoom)**

Committee wants to do community wide project on Domestic violence-

Continue use of the Sparkler Grant- and starting up play groups (in-person or virtual)

OEC Grant was submitted and accepted

## **2. SCHOOL READINESS GRANT MANAGER REPORT**

### **OEC**

Change in payment configuration for February 2021

RFP will be continuation grant – grant award will be the same

OEC still has not decided how to pay out the CT Cares funding (66 million for the State)

### **Local Issues**

Rotary is making a donation of 200 N95 masks to programs with Infant and Toddler children

## **3. QUALITY ENHANCEMENT REPORT**

P.O has been inputted for vendors and City Departments (FRC, Library and Parent Child Center have been instructed to start drawing down from SR line item

## **4. MONITORING VISIT REPORT**

In-depth Desk Monitoring occurred January 2021- Programs and their Administrative staff are to be commended

BOE serving 107 Part Day/Part Year students

BPCCC serving 83 Full Day/Full Year students

IN-MEL serving 83 Full Day/full Year students

## **5. RESIGNATIONS**

**None**

## **6. APPOINTMENTS**

**None**

## **7. OLD BUSINESS**

## **8. NEW BUSINESS**

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 1:12 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary-Alice Petrucelli-Timek

School Readiness Grant Manager

