



January 2, 2019

11:00-12:00

Bristol Board of Education Room – Room #36

**Members Present:** Maureen Eaton, Donna Koser, Mary-Alice Petrucelli-Timek, Karen Lombardi, Donna Osuch, Catherine Plourde, Kristen Peck, Kate Kerchaert, Dawn Leger, Linda Ivey, Tina Rodriguez, Valerie Toner, Nydia Dominguez, Lauren Kittle & Coral Richardson

**Start Ups/Welcome:** Members present introduced themselves. Donna Koser shared her excitement to begin her new role as the Early Childhood Coordinator. Donna shared a bit of information on her previous community positions and asked members to help her in transitioning into BECA roles and responsibilities. Donna plans to hold one on ones with members to learn more about Bristol, BECA members and their respective organizations, expectations of the Early Childhood Coordinator and event attendance.

**Addressing the lack of reading to your child:**

- Letter of intent is due 1/31/19- Caplan foundation Grant A meeting has been scheduled for January 8<sup>th</sup> (3:00 at the Senior Center Rm 101 located at 240 Stafford Ave). Meeting is planned to be approximately 1 hour.
- There was discussion on NPR podcast's (trauma related topics)
- Valerie will provide literacy information. Building Blocks on Supporting Mental Health in the Classroom (outcome data).
- Other information to consider: pediatrician's, trauma data; Richard G., police data and Wheeler data, children who access services.

**Subcommittees:**

Infant & Toddler – no report

Health – Get your flu shot. The deadline for students is approaching.

Transition to Kindergarten –

- The committee is working on holding parent orientation on the same evening with the same information being shared at each of the eight schools. A subcommittee will be needed.

- Central Registration – T/K folder should be available. Packets will now have sticker - "Do Not Throw Away" "Important! To remind parents to keep folder to help with transition.
- Also considering an electronic version of items in the T/K folder- for easy access for parents.
- April 4<sup>th</sup> is a planned "Dine & Discuss" with a presentation on new "Child Profile" to be used universally in community- Pre-K teachers to complete and forward to BOE K teachers.
- Release forms are currently going to the BOE and will be transitioned to Mary-Alice.

#### **Prenatal to Birth Work:**

- Bristol Babies Are Born Reading date set. Early Childhood Booklet is online.
- Early childhood Fair- to be held in April 2019. Three (3)- days – please let Valerie know if you would like a table.
- The Health Committee has plans to provide a program.

#### **Community Sharing/Upcoming Events/Meetings:**

Hartford Healthcare has a "Healthy Family FunFest at the Aqua Turf" being held on February 24<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The Library will be open on Sunday's in January, February and March. Please visit the website for a list of programs.

The Main Street Community Foundation general grant cycle will begin soon. Members are asked to visit [MainStreetFoundation.org](http://MainStreetFoundation.org) for the application. All applicants are required to contact the Foundation prior to applying to ensure that they are eligible to apply.

Imagination will be holding their Third Annual Bowling Fund to support STEAM. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

The Parent & Child Center continues to offer the "Caring Closet" and a variety of classes such as gardening, cooking, Circle of Security, etc.

In addition to the usual tax assistance offered through the United Way, there will be a newly implemented on-line service. More information will be forthcoming.

Favor is offering "SBDI" to two schools in Bristol (Eastern and Bristol Prep) to assist with family & school engagement. They are also planning a "Community Conversation".

Next meeting February 6, 2019  
11:00 Rm 36 @ BOE 129 Church Street