



May 1, 2019

11:00-12:00

Bristol Board of Education Room – Room #36

**Members Present:** Kimberly Carmelich, Nydia Dominguez, Maureen Eaton, Cecilia Garay, Kate Kerchaert, Donna Koser, Sarah Larson, Karen Lombardi, Donna Osuch, Mary Alice Petrucelli-Timek, Catherine Plourde, Coral Richardson, Valerie Toner & Morgan Urgo,

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

**Community Outreach:** Donna K. asked members to please send information to post on website and Facebook. Requests for Friday Fun or “not so fun” facts for May. Please reach also reach out to meet with Donna to help her understand Bristol and your organization’s better. Upcoming participation for BECA will be at the Bristol Art Show and the Storybook ball being held at Imagine Nation. Donna K. thanked everyone who participated in the Plus/Delta activity in April. Many members reported that they liked the meeting structure, networking and community sharing. To address a few of the Delta findings, members will be encouraged to bring their lunches to BECA meetings beginning in September.

**Subcommittees:**

**Infant & Toddler** – The committee is planning an event in Rockwell Park on Aug. 3 & 4. A meeting has been scheduled with Bristol’s Mayor on May 22<sup>nd</sup> to discuss and brainstorm name ideas, etc. All our welcome to join the committee and its efforts.

**Health** – The committee is planning to meet next week. The committee will be present at the Art Show promoting healthy snacks and will have literature, vegetable stencils and Creative Can giveaways. The committee hosted a “Positive Parenting” program at the Bristol library. Although it was not a great turn out, the committee will work on collaborating with other organizations to get the message out to a wider audience.

**Transition to Kindergarten (T/K)** – The folder that will be presented to every child (public & nonpublic schools) was shared with members present. Included in the folder will be a “basic information sheet” and health packet. As of today 78% of the anticipated enrollment have registered for Kindergarten. “One Night One Purpose” will be taped. The PowerPoint presentation will also be available in Spanish. School nurses will be on site for any questions.

**Prenatal to Birth Work:** Phase II: Birth to age 3 committee is beginning to form. Renee will be the lead person in this phase. She suggested a Monday or Tuesday meeting time after 1:00 p.m. at Bristol Preschool. Anyone who is interested in joining this committee are asked to email Donna K. or Renee. A mini brainstorm session of possible Phase II names produced the following: “Literacy for Life”, “Birth to 3 Reads too” & “Bristol Babies Bridge to Literacy”

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

**Bristol Library:** Summer meals begin June 17<sup>th</sup>. The May calendar was shared.

**Park & Rec:** Literacy is the focus of this year’s summer camp. Each week the camp calendars (field trips, activities, etc.) will be tailored around age appropriate books. The Rotary funded the purchase of books. Registration for camp is still open. All Heart Nest, a Bristol Park and Rec and Public work event is scheduled for May 11, 2019 from 2 to 4:00 p.m. at the Rockwell Park Pavilion. National take Kids to the Park Day is May 18<sup>th</sup> where the bird houses will be placed around the parks. May 14<sup>th</sup> is a Water Safety program being held at the Dennis Malone Aquatic Center to help families prepare and understand how to be safe around water.

**Carousel Museum:** The museum is a resource for the community and is available for events. The museum is working on a literacy based/interactive program where families are encouraged to stay and play in the art studio. Funding from the Bristol Lions Club will allow for an audio tour.

**Imagine Nation:** May workshops and summer events flier has been shared and is available on their website.

**BOE Adult Ed:** Summer classes offer childcare and are available in both English & Spanish. Flier was shared.

**Bristol Preschool:** Summer and Fall applications are being accepted.

**Main Street Community Foundation:** Recommendations for grant funding are going to the Board for review. Applicants can expect to be contacted by the beginning of July. Women and Girls and Men and Boys grants will be due mid-September.

**School Readiness:** The grant is being voted on today. The SR grant helps parents, programs and the community. The Bristol Mayor shared a grant opportunity that will be looked into to help neighborhoods in the community. The OEC shared a "CT Sparkler Environment" phone app pilot opportunity that Bristol will consider applying for.

**Bristol-Burlington Health District:** Sat May 4<sup>th</sup> is a Rabies Clinic at the Pavilion in Rockwell Park from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. There will be a representative from pet stores, groomers, etc. More information can be found on the website. The Health District finished up National Vaccination week. 71 new cases of measles were reported in one weeks' time; mainly Unvaccinated individuals.

**WIC:** Women, Infant & Children held reported that the food packets have changed and they are looking into offering Almond milk as an alternative. The program is also becoming more flexible as to the choices/brands of baby food.

**United Way:** Day of Caring, May 17<sup>th</sup>. Still in need of a few volunteers. If you are available, please let Donna O. know if you can participate for a ½ or full day of volunteering.

**Favor, Inc.:** May is Mental Health Awareness Month. There is a broadcast being held in Rockyhill on Monday. Nydia will share the information.

**Next meeting June 5, 2019 - 11:00 Rm 36 @ BOE 129 Church Street**