



City of Bristol, Connecticut

School Readiness and Child Daycare Grant

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Bristol School Readiness Council Minutes

February 6, 2019

Present:

Donna Osuch (Co-Chair), Azra Redzic (Co-Chair), Karen Lombardi (WIC), Kristen Peck (BOE) Valerie Toner (Library) Pam Testa (Community Providers) Joyce Voisine (Tunxis), Maureen Eaton, Cathy Plourde (BBHD), Amanda Sawyer (PCC@BH) Peter Kelley (City Council), Jennifer St. John (Parent), Brenda Moore (BHA) Linda Rich (FRC) Valerie Pelletier (HS), Patricia Tomascak (Dept. of Aging) Ronetta Stokes (Kith and Kin) Donna Koser (BECA)

Ex-Officio- Mayor Ellen Zoppo-Sassu, Sue Moreau (Superintendent)

Absent:

Susan Adeyinka M.D (Pediatricians) Alyssa McGhee (Wheeler Clinic)

Present Non-Members: Laurie Nadeau, Marilyn Lobaczewski

Mary-Alice Petrucelli-Timek- School Readiness Grant Manager

The meeting was called to order at 12:20 by Co-Chair Osuch

A Motion was made to accept the minutes of January 2, 2019

Motion seconded -Motion passed

Introductions

Proclamations from the CT Legislature to honor Shirley Anderson and Marilyn Lobaczewski - whom will be retiring March 1,2019 after numerous years @ Bristol Preschool Child Care Center. They were honored for their service to the families and children in Bristol. Councilperson Peter Kelley read a proclamation from Mayor Zoppo-Sassu to honor Marilyn Lobaczewski for her service to the community.

Program Quality - Maureen Eaton

Program Quality meets 2nd Tuesday of every month @ 9:00 @ Imagine Nation Museum of Early Learning located at 1 Pleasant Street

Committee met on January 8, 2019

Discussion regarding new Commissioner of OEC- Beth Bye- suggestion to follow her on twitter
Classroom Observations by CREC- 5 BOE classrooms- 5 BPCCC classrooms and 5 IN-MEL classrooms for a total of 15.

Committee will look at data gather with observations and look to see what Professional development may be needed.

Dine and Discuss to be held April 4th 2 BPCCC –Burlington Ave site

ECE Conference- August 26th and 27th-

Next Meeting date is February 12, 2019

Health Services – Cathy Plourde

Health Committee meets the first Tuesday of the month @ 1:00 at Beal’s Senior Center located at 240 Stafford Ave.

Committee met February 5, 2019

Discussion regarding vaccinations- The outbreak of measles – in CT -2 cases so far- none in Bristol
Flu vaccinations are going well- but flu is still being reported

BBHD Sanitarians are out in the community Pre-Ks to teach about handwashing procedures

Initiative to write to area Pedestrians not involved with Reach out and Read- and send sample of book “I Love You Like Sunshine” to encourage them to purchase the book as a gift for their new patients with newborns.

Little Read Book- “I Want to Be a Police Officer” by Laura Driscoll- this will be distributed to all Pre-K classrooms, Play and Learn Groups and Story times in Bristol for reading during week of the Young Child. This is to compliment the HALO grant being piloted this year.

The book- “A Day with Police Officers”- by Jan Kottke is going to compliment the new initiative from City Hall and the Police Department “Walk and Talk” Which Police Officers stop by Center-based programs and schools to walk through the building. Since many of the Centers house numerous children- It is good for the Police Department to understand the layout of their buildings and number of children on the premise.

Upcoming events Health Committee will be collaborating with:

- Teddy Bear Jamboree- March 16th- IN-MEL
- “My Art –My Story” May 7th- –Community Pre-K and BOE Art Show

Governance Committee- Chairperson Linda Rich

Introduction of the Proposal Review Team

Donna Koser, Brenda Moore, Amanda Sawyer, Ronetta Stokes, Joyce Voisine

The team will start visiting Programs and completing a observation- before the written RFP is submitted.

Governance Chair will lead PRT at joint meeting and present the PRT report to full Council when completed.

Community Outreach – Donna Koser

Introductions- looking to meet community collaborators – and get ideas and support from collaborative members.

Infant and Toddler Committee- Amanda Sawyer

Infant and Toddler Committee meets last Tuesday of the month @ 12:00 @ Parent and Child Center @ Bristol Hospital located @ 9 Prospect Street –

Committee met on January 22nd

HALO initiative has 2 sessions left- will be starting new sessions with 2 other classrooms- We will be re-submitting another Grant to Main Street Community foundation to continue this endeavor.

Child Mental Health Day is May 9th

Breastfeeding- How the ability of a mother to find a safe place in local businesses to breast feed their child without retribution. Committee is having an etiquette expert speak to committee to help us better understand what is the law and what is public etiquette- and come up with common ground for Mom's to feel safe and comfortable.

Discussion regarding lack of changing tables in Men's bathrooms- and also in female bathrooms in public building.

Next meeting is February 26, 2019

Transition to Kindergarten Committee- Co-Chair Donna Osuch

Transition to Kindergarten Committee meets 2nd Monday of the month @ 3:45 @ South Side School – Met on January 14, 2019

One Night-One Purpose- Parent Orientation for Kindergarten- May 29th 6-7 PM

At every school every parent gets the same information- at the same time.

We may need volunteers- so please keep evening available

Dine and Discuss April 4th- Pre-k and K teachers meeting Pre-K and Kindergarten Transition Sheet

Next Meeting is February 11, 2019

Grant Manager's Report

Head Start has requested a letter of support to help them get renovations for the building on Lake Ave so they can provide Early Head Start Services

A motion was made to support Head Start in achieving renovation funds to support Early Head Start in Bristol.

Motion second, Motion passed.

SR Grant Manager instructed to send letter of support.

OEC Updates

- No one has been appointed as OEC Program Manager of School Readiness
- School Readiness RFP will be released 2/20/2019 @ OEC meeting
- Issues other communities had with FOI and requirements of a public meeting will be addressed in the new RFP
- OEC has decided to discontinue use of ABCMS system (employee background checks) New system within OEC will be used- It will take 3-4 months for Programs to get information regarding new hires
Our solution- any new hire has to come to SSS to meet SR Grant Manager. At BOE schools they use Rapture system that does an immediate background check on individuals using their driver's license. This will give Programs information in a more timely fashion until OEC provides the information needed
- OEC has ended their relationship with United Way and THRIVE- providing Professional Development. They are going back to using RESCS- but some workshops may have a cost.

Quality Enhancement Report

Review of Quality Enhancement Projects and Programs

Bristol Receives \$18,756 dollars

The following Providers gave short informational presentations

- Library \$3,000
- Family Resource Centers- \$5,000
- Tunxis- Early Childhood Consortium \$1,300
- Parent and Child Center@ Bristol Hospital \$3,000
- Transition to Kindergarten Committee- \$5,500
- Scholarships for Workshops- \$256
- ECE Conference (support) \$500
- Director's Forum/Dine and Discuss support \$200

SRM members completed voting sheets on distribution of funding - voting results will be shared at next month's meeting.

Monitoring.

IN-MEL- at capacity 118 FD/FY

BPCCC- at capacity 111 FD/FY

BOE –at capacity 167

Resignations:

None

Appointments:

Azra Redzic

Donna Koser

Old Business

Early Learning- A PET Project Updated Report – Endowment

Funds currently raised \$20,532

Reminder- Please disperse the “Take 10” forms to 10 people you know and check back to see if they have donated. The donations listing is not showing a large number of people donating.

New Business

None

Community Sharing

BBHD- The Health Forms and information needed for parents to register children into Kindergarten has been given to Centralized Registration. These packets will be dispersed to center based Programs.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:15

Next Meeting March 6, 2019

Respectfully Submitted

Mary-Alice Petrucelli-Timek - School Readiness Grant Manager

