



City of Bristol, Connecticut

School Readiness and Child Daycare Grant

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Bristol School Readiness Council Minutes

March 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,(retired Librarian) Amanda Sawyer (PCC@BH) Peter Kelley (City Council), Brenda Moore (BHA) Patricia Tomascak (Dept. of Aging) Ronetta Stokes (Kith and Kin) Donna Koser (BECA) Susan Adeyinka M.D (Pediatricians) Alyssa McGhee (Wheeler Clinic)

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

Absent: Cathy Plourde (BBHD) Jennifer St. John (Parent), Valerie Pelletier (HS), Linda Rich (FRC)

Present Non-Members: Coral Richardson, Sara Castle,,Kim Carmelich

Mary-Alice Petrucelli-Timek- School Readiness Grant Manager

The meeting was called to order at 12:15by Co-Chair Osuch

*A Motion was made to accept the minutes of February 6, 2019
Motion seconded -Motion passed*

Introductions

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 February 22, 2019 (rescheduled because of snow) next meeting date March 12, 2019

Program Quality members discussed OEC Commissioner Bye talk at Priority School district meeting held 20th

- Wage increase to \$15.00 will be coming – and system” needs pressure to adjust”
- “18 month conversation”- more clearly integrated system-financial system must make sense to families and providers.
- Quality in CT would be based on Licensing, Accreditation Bodies and Child Development Understanding.

The Community RFP is due May 17th

The Local RFP has been released and due back April 1,2019

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 March 5th

School Readiness Grant Manager reported on behalf of Chairperson

Teddy Bear Clinic-@ IN-MEL Saturday March 16th 11-1- Looking for volunteers to help out on our table. Will be handing out information about re-think your drink and healthy eating

BBHD has books for Park and Rec summer pre-K programs

Follow-up on Lake Compounce- Health Director contacted Jerry Brick- GM of “The Lake” – he stated “The Lake” is looking to add healthier items to menu selection.

National Nutrition Month- Fun Facts- are listed every Friday this month on Making Bristol Better website and Facebook page.

Governance Committee- Chairperson Linda Rich

School Readiness Grant Manager reported on behalf of Chairperson

The Proposal Review Team is now 4 volunteers

Donna Koser, Brenda Moore, Ronetta Stokes, Joyce Voisine

The team is visiting Programs and completing an observation- before the written RFP is submitted.

Governance Chair will lead PRT at joint meeting on April 15th (Monday) @ 11:30-2:30 and present the PRT report to full Council @ May 1,2019 SRC meeting

Community Outreach – Donna Koser

Committee met- and had discussion of purpose of Face Book

Posting Handout – Share community events

Resource Guide for United Way has been updated.

Discussion regarding excellent reports Councilperson Kelley is giving at City Council Meetings-

New goal- to capture these reports- and put the short video on making Bristol Better and Facebook page with Title- “A few words on Early Childhood from Councilperson Peter Kelley” This will become a feature of the website.

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 February 26, 2019

Breastfeeding- How the ability of a mother to find a safe place in local businesses to breast feed their child without retribution? Committee welcomed Karen Thompson 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. The information to help would be start with education.

This could be done with Fun Facts- and use Community Outreach Committee postings on website and Facebook- Also showing research on breastfeeding and videos.

Next meeting date March 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 February 11, 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.
- Dine and Discuss April 4th- Pre-k and K teachers meeting Pre-K and Kindergarten Transition Sheet

Registration for Kindergarten began March 1, 2019- Please reach out to family and friends and remind them to register.

Early Notification has given us 598 students we are aware of entering Kindergarten in the Fall (2019) All information will be posted on Making Bristol Better website- including the context of the Transition to Kindergarten Folder. Fun facts about preparing for Kindergarten will be part of the Fun Facts Fridays.

Next Meeting is March 11, 2019

Grant Manager’s Report

OEC Updates

- **Cheryl Cyr Sparks** has been appointed as OEC Program Manager of School Readiness
- School Readiness RFP has been released to general public- due date April 1st
- Quality Enhancement RFP has been released to general public- due date April 1st
- Community RFP is due to OEC on May 17,2019

Part of the RFP requires SR Grant Manager to attest information regarding awareness and knowledge of the SRC.

A package was given to all SRC members that details information and description of the following:

- School Readiness Overview and Description
- Staff Qualifications and Registry Requirements
- Local Request for Proposals
- School Readiness Grant Submission Information

- Freedom of Information Act and understanding the SRC is subject to the provisions of the FOI Act
- Purpose and Overview of Quality Enhancement Grant

Quality Enhancement Report

Results from QE Scoring was announced 18 possible votes

- Literacy Initiatives- Children’s Library 17 yes 1 abstain
- Parent Workshops and B-3 initiatives- Parent and Child ctr.@ BH- 16 yes 2 abstain
- Community/parent Involvement- FRC 17 yes 1 abstain
- Director and Teacher Education- Tunxis Community College 17 yes- 1 abstain
- Transition to kindergarten- T/K Committee 18 yes
- Dine and Discuss- Pre-k and K annual meeting- T/K Committee 18 yes
- Scholarships for workshops (teachers) SRC- 18 yes
- Professional Development- ECE Conference – 18 yes

Local RFP due April 1st

Monitoring.

IN-MEL- at capacity 118 FD/FY

BPCCC- at capacity 111 FD/FY

BOE –165 PD/PY

This month the classrooms are being monitored by Sandy Fowler- CREC employee

This information will be shared with Program Quality to help define PDD at ECE Conference

Resignations:

None

Appointments:

None

Old Business

Early Learning- A PET Project Updated Report – Endowment

Funds currently raised \$21,717.00

Remember you can make a donation to honor Marilyn Lobaczewski and Shirley Anderson for their service with BPCCC

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

Tunix- Job Fair to be held in April.

Training for Parent Teacher Home Visiting- April 2019

Parent and Child Center- Circle of Security 8 week training

Trauma Yoga to be available

HALO- - going for second year Grant with Main Street Community Foundation
United Way-VITA- tax assistance for low income residents
Community Builders Event April 11th- will be honoring Susan Sadecki – Spirit of Caring among other worthy honorees
Duck Race- - you can buy a ticket for \$5.00
Bristol Babies Born Reading- - April 9, 10, 11- ECE Fair @ Library
With Community Baby Shower to be held April 11th

Meeting was adjourned at 1:05

Next Meeting April 3, 2019

Respectfully Submitted
Mary-Alice Petrucelli-Timek - School Readiness Grant Manager

