

December 2, 2020

The regular meeting of the School Readiness Council was held on December 2, 2020 @ 12:17 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, Brenda Moore, Jennifer St. John, Catherine Plourde, Alyssa McGhee, Joyce Voisine., Linda Rich ,Peter Kelley, Valerie Toner, Lauren Kittle

Absent: Susan Adeife Lee, Valerie Pelletier

APPROVAL OF REGULAR SCHOOL READINESS COUNCIL MEETING Minutes held on November 4, 2020 by a motion of School Readiness Council member Jennifer St. John and seconded, it was unanimous vote to: ***approve the minutes of the regular School Readiness Council meeting of November 4, 2020***

1. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Program Quality-** Maureen Eaton – next meeting December 8,2020 9:30 (zoom)
Presentation at public hearing for CBDG went well
Distant Learning plan sent to OEC waiting for confirmation of acceptance
- **Health Committee-** Cathy Plourde next meeting January 5,2021 – Zoom
Committee met Dec 1, 2020 (zoom)
Polar Express event December 11th 6:30 Facebook
Wellness Wednesdays starting this month- health tips to be shared 2x per month
Tuesday Tastings-starting January 2021- partnership with Shop Rite
Pre-K children to have flu shot before December 31st – Important for everyone to get flu shot this year
Governance Committee- Linda Rich – No Report
- **Community Outreach-** Donna Koser-
Appetite for reading sites have opened at Friendly's and Parent and Child Center Program
- **Transition to Kindergarten Committee-** Donna Osuch Next meeting December 21,2020 (zoom)
Surveys obtained from Kindergarten parents – results will be shared in near future
Looking at Ready4K Grant- since number of children with pre-k experience will be lower next year. Finding a way to get parents involved with children at home
Will start promoting online Kindergarten Registration in January 2021

2. Infant and Toddler Committee- - Chairperson Lauren Kittle -next meeting date December 7,2020 1:30 (zoom)

Committee met and decided to do the virtual Polar Express event for community. Partners are Walmart, Library, Park, Rec, Youth and Community Services Department. Event will include book reading, songs, and crafts. 200 goodie bags will be available for pickup at Library prior to event.

3. SCHOOL READINESS GRANT MANAGER REPORT

OEC made numerous changes in implementation to SRC Program that will be beneficial to our Programs.

- Change in # in classroom for reimbursement purposes- reduction to 16
- Paying for 6 months of CHEFA intercept
- RFP Continuation Grant for 2021.

A motion was made by Kristen Peck to extend the Memorandum of agreements that are associated with the Grant till 6/30/2022 and to have Grant Manager inform Collaborative partners of the extension. Motion seconded, passed.

- Remote/distant Learning- new guidance and free workshops available
- ECIS system taken off line November 30, 2020- new system ECE Reporter coming January 2021- one stop shop for all data collection and monthly reporting
- Accreditation and re- accreditation fees for NAEYC to be paid by OEC
- GEER Grant for tablets for families – 4,000 available throughout the State
- Partnership with DPH and local Health Directors to be on the same page when giving directions to Programs

Local Issues

Request for IN-MEL to adjust their SR and Parent Share budget

Grant **No Kid Hungry** – collaborative partners WIC: Park, Rec Youth and Community Department given the grant information to explore

City budget to be submitted January 15, 2021- SRC to vote on our budget submission January 6th meeting

4. QUALITY ENHANCEMENT REPORT

The Grant was submitted and accepted by OEC.

5. MONITORING VISIT REPORT

Desk Monitoring continues

6. RESIGNATIONS

None

7. APPOINTMENTS

None

8. OLD BUSINESS

CDGB Public Hearing went well- the SR Programs presented together and showed how they work together in the community

9. NEW BUSINESS

10. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 1:15 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary-Alice Petrucelli-Timek

School Readiness Grant Manager