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**Branford School Readiness Council
March 17, 2017**

Present: Alison Tyliszczak, Diane Papacoda, Daniele Raucci, Judy Hall, Ginger Vickstrom, Jaimie Cosgrove, Raeanne Reynolds, Carly Lemire, Dale Izzo, and Robin Comey.

The meeting was called to order at 9:40.

Minutes

Motion (Jamie Cosgrove): to approve the minutes from October 21, 2016; November 18, 2016; January 20, 2017 (special meeting); and February 17, 2017.

Seconded: Alison Tyliszczak

Motion passed

Liaison Notes

- Reviewed children's portfolio's and assessments at BELC.
- Judy received a note from Andrea Brinnel regarding a letter Gov. Malloy had sent about ICE and requested the letter be sent to all State funded early childhood programs.
- Judy attended the State meeting on March 8th.
- OEC offices have moved to 450 Columbus Ave., Hartford.
- There are new communities that are now eligible to become competitive school readiness districts and are eligible to apply for grant.
- The grant for FY 2017-18 has been released and the local RFP has gone out, The amount of the grant will be \$121,813 (same as last year), \$116,012 will be used to fund spaces and \$5801 will be for admin. Quality Enhancement grant will be \$3881. The grant will be submitted on line this year which is a change from previous years. Our time line is as follows: Local RFP's are due 4/17, We will review and score on 4/21 and the final submission of the big grant is due by May 17th to the state.
- A new rubric will be used for scoring the programs at our April meeting.
- We need to create a new monitoring tool.

Publications

- Week of the Young Child books will be going out to the programs as soon as stickers are put in them. Robin will do a flier and will be looking for sponsorship to cover the cost of books. The plan for WOYC includes an art walk.
- Pre School Fair will be May 6th.

Kindergarten Transition

- Kindergarten registration is being done in May and will be done at the schools.

Motion to adjourn (Jamie Cosgrove): 10:24 am Seconded: Judy Hall

Next meeting: April 21, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

Ginger Vickstrom