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Branford School Readiness Council
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Present: Dale Izzo, Judy Hall, Allison Tyliczszak, Ginger Vickstrom, Carly Lemire and Jamie Cosgrove

Meeting was called to order at 9:30 am.

Minutes from the meeting of 5/19/17 were tabled until the next meeting. This was due to lack of quorum.

Kindergarten Transition Forms did not go out this year. We will ask to have these forms put in the new application system the schools are using.

Liaison Report:

- Branford received the full amount requested for the School Readiness and Quality Enhancement Grants. Branford received a score of 73 out of 100. The Council will be working on the suggested improvements at our next meeting.
- There is concern about the funding because of the State's financial problems. Gov. Malloy has stated that he will fund SR programs at least for the first quarter.
- The State should have a budget in place by Sept. 14th. The Council will need a contingency plan if the Grant is not funded beyond the first quarter.
- Wait list is being handled by each program separately and currently there are 3 children on each list that are qualified to start now.

Old Business

- SERC was the vendor chosen to implement the QE Grant from last year. This work has been completed.
- Robin Comey has added BSR name to the book baskets that BECC has been handing out. Thank you Robin.

Community Special Projects

- Branford Cares has been having a monthly gathering of local organizations so that parents and others can see what services are available in Branford. The first gathering was a 6 hour day and they will change the hours for the next event. This was held at Trinity Church. Jaimie suggested a press release to let more people know about this and one idea was to have one of the providers attend the BOS meeting that is televised on BCTV and talk about the event.
- Family Day, September 17th, Town Green, 1-5. Entertainment, games, animals, food, free day for all families. Rain site to be determined School Readiness will have a table at this event.

- The Rec Dept will be having their pre-k Trunk or Treat at Foote Park this year, October 25, 11-12. School Readiness will participate in this event.

New Business

- Kerry Haynes has had to resign from the Council so we will have to find a replacement for her.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ginger Vickstrom