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Branford School Readiness Council  
September 15, 2017

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Present: Stephanie Linke, Anne Adinolfi, Lauren Skultecy, Robin Comey, Judy Hall, Dale Izzo, Ginger Vickstrom, Jamie Cosgrove and Michele Krumenacker

Meeting was called to order at 9:35 am.

Motion (Robin Comey): to appoint Anne Adinolfi and Lauren Skultecy to the Branford School Readiness Council.

Seconded: Stephanie Linke

Motion passed

**Liaison Report:**

- Judy Hall spoke about the new grant funding that is through Sept. only.
- Jamie Cosgrove said the Governor submitted his budget which reflected full funding for School Readiness. This budget still needs approval.
- A new fee schedule has been released and will go into effect on 10/1/17. It does benefit the families, but only family at FRC has been affected.
- There is a co-chair State meeting that Dale and Ginger will attend on 10/13/17.
- Scoring update on grant: Branford's score was 73. We do not know how each area scored. The State did give us areas to improve and this work will be discussed with the Council once we have more specific information.
- Hopefully a uniform monitoring form will be developed by the State.
- Hamlet has requested a list of SR students from FRC and BELC. This list should go back to the first grant in order to track all SR students within the schools.
- Lauren Skultecy reported that ACES had some recommendations and the PreK team is going through the process to address them.
- The three elementary PreK are working together to create curriculum that is used on all the school PreK programs including FRC. Robin Comey suggested doing this by having a Roundtable. The hope is to have a pilot by January and if it works out they can implement it for the next school year.
- Scheduling roundtable is difficult. It was suggested to use early release days for FRC to attend the PreK meetings. They also meet every Friday, 8:25-9:25, and rotate schools. The next meeting will be at Murphy, then the following at Sliney.

The next few meetings will be to review programs they might use. After that the will be doing a self-study for their programs.

**Waitlist:**

- Each SR site has been maintaining their own wait list since June. FRC has 7 children that are eligible and 7 that are not 3 yet. BELC-we do not have the numbers for that site  
Jamie would like to see one true list.  
Michele K suggests at Judy Hall maintain the master list with dates.

**Community Projects:**

- Robin Comey from BECC spoke about the Roundtable Series, Tuesday 9/26, 6-7:30 with be Kids Yoga (for providers) . Location BELC
- A ten week series "Family Child Care Business Series" will be Wednesdays from 6 pm-9 pm starting on 10/4/17 and ending 12/13/17, (no class 11/22/17).
- Diane Papacoda, Director of the BELC has taken over the scheduling of the Roundtables.
- Robin has redone the BECC website and would like a School Readiness "blurb" for the website. The Family Resource Guide has been published in Spanish. Robin also has a lot of PreK books to be given out. A Dental Education kit can be borrowed from BECC including a free toothbrush for every student (donated by the Branford Exchange Club). February is dental health month. Read to Grow is providing books about teeth.
- Family Day is September 17th, from 1 - 5. School Readiness will have a craft project at this event.

Motion (Jamie Cosgrove): to adjourn at 10:44.  
Seconded: Michele Krumenacker  
Motion Passed

Next Meeting October 26, 2017

Respectfully submitted,  
Ginger Vickstrom