

RECEIVED

Branford School Readiness Council Meeting

2018 OCT 18 A 9:42

September 21, 2018

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE
BRANFORD, CONNECTICUT

Present: Lauren Skultety, Anne Adinolfi, Carole Weisberg, Diane Pappacoda, Michele Krumenacker, Alison Tyliszczak, Robin Comey, Ginger Vickstrom and Dale Izzo.

The meeting was called to order by Dale Izzo at 9:40 am.

Minutes

Motion (Michele Krumenacker): to approve the minutes of 5/19/18. Seconded: Alison Tyliszczak Motion passed

Liaison Report:

Wait List: 11 students on the wait list are eligible
15 students on the wait list are not yet eligible
26 total on list

- Legislative update: All bills regarding Early Childhood, that were mentioned at our May meeting, have passed.
 - Early Childhood Alliance has an annual Election Day initiative called "We Vote For Kids". They are hoping to get people signed up to vote and create an awareness on the important issues regarding our children.
 - Another Gubernatorial Forum will be held at Memorial Hall on October 3rd.
 - SR Grant: We received the SR Grant for 2018-2019 in addition we received 3 more SR slots. We now have 16 slots-FRC has 11 and BELC has 5.
 - Carole spoke about finding dollars to fund extra things for SR. For example New Haven sent out a bi-lingual postcard letting parents know it was registration time for SR Programs and explained eligibility.
 - Carole used some of that information and updated our in-take form.
 - We need to create public awareness of our SR Programs. Fliers should go out to Doctor Offices, School Based Health Centers in our schools and all of the other places where families go.
 - CT Early Childhood Alliance had a speaker from CT CPAC (CT Parent Advocacy Center). They are advocates for families with children with development delays. Resources are free for the families. Carole shared brochures and flyers. If you can get 10 people together they will come and speak to parents or providers.
- CTDOTS:** We have had a free training on CTDOTS and the 2nd meeting will be October 23rd.

Anne Adinolfi has field tested a part of it (record keeping) and has found it be very helpful. They are using it as a guide for goals with their children.

Carole attended the statewide meeting for all providers receiving other funding streams and liaisons in May. BELC has additional funding streams so Diane Pappacoda attended also.

The next full statewide meeting for all state funded programs will be on September 28. On the agenda is a discussion on the topic: "Ready or Not? Suspension and Expulsion in Connecticut." Carole will also attend a breakout session on the ECIS-ECE system.

Carole clarified whether SR Families who are enrolled in our programs can also apply for and receive Care4Kids funding. The answer is yes. SR programs must be an approved C4K provider. The family will have an award letter or C4K certificate. C4K will determine how much they will receive from C4K and will determine the parent share. SR programs, if qualified, will have 2 sources of funding: SR funding, C4K in addition to parent portion.

Carole has created notebooks for FRC and BELC for them to document information during the school year on how they are addressing the Quality Components of School Readiness that will be used to help write the Grant for 2020.

Policy and Procedures:

- This document is a work in progress. We have met and started to update our current document.

QE Consultant Report:

- Lisa Swain submitted a report for the Council regarding the professional development she had provided to our programs during the spring and summer of 2018. The programs were very pleased with Lisa. Diane has had a follow-up with her regarding scheduling.

Community Reports:

- Family Day was held on September 16, 2018. Fun day for the children
- Trunk or Treat will be held at Foote Park on October 24th at 11 am. SR will be represented at this event.
- Circle of Security Program will be doing classes in November and trainings after the New Year.
- Tuesday, September 25th, BECC will be having Carole Weinberg present "Setting Kids Up For Success". This will be held at BELC, 6-7:30 and dinner will be provided by the Exchange Club.
- Robin Comey has been attending the CHIP (Community Health Improvement Plan). They are working with the "Alive" Intervention Program that is taken into the schools to identify children through play therapy. This group will be coming to a roundtable meeting in November.

Old Business:

- Last month Jaimie Cosgrove asked about the process for our wait list. What is Best Practice? Deb Adam (State) said that 60% of enrolled SR students must be below 75% SMI then you can accept up to 40% above the 75% SMI. Michele K. said at FRC almost all of the families are below 50% SMI.

New Business:

- Brooke St.Pierre has resigned because she has taken a full time job.
- Another parent approached Ginger at Family Day expressing interest in being on the Council as a parent representative. She will be interviewed this afternoon.
- Motion (Robin Comey): to add an additional member to the School Readiness Council-Diane Pappacoda, Director, Branford Early Learning Center. Seconded: Alison Tyliszczak. Motion passed.

Motion (Robin Comey): to adjourn at 10:50 am, Seconded: Diane Pappacoda
Motion Passed

Respectfully submitted,
Ginger Vickstrom

Next Meeting: October 19, 2018, 9:30, Town Hall, Lower Level