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**Branford School Readiness Council**  
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**PRESENT:** Anne Adinolfi, Lauren Skultety, Robin Comey, Judy Hall, Dale Izzo, Ginger Vickstrom, Diane Papagoda

Meeting was called to order at 9:40 am.

The minutes from 9/15/17 were tabled due to lack of quorum.

An updated Board list has been distributed.

**Liaison Report:**

- Based on a meeting attended by Judy Hall the sense is that the School Readiness funding is not being cut. However, they recommend holding off on spending the QE funding until further notice. The QE Grant is to be used to support the entire community, not just our programs.
- During the next grant cycle we do not need to re-apply but the reapplication form will be to update the community's efforts in meeting the School Readiness quality components and provide information to the OEC about our monitoring efforts.
- The OEC will be conducting on-site visits to ensure that state funds provided to programs are utilized according to their intended purpose and that services are derived in compliance with requirements. Feedback will be given along with suggestions and recommendations, and corrective actions if necessary.
- The legislated updates to QSM are live in the registry. Benchmarks have been pushed out a year.
- The OEC has started to review, update and re-release the General Policies.
- We will be requested to submit the council's policy regarding GP B-06 School Readiness Spaces for Children with an Individualized Education Program, special health care needs or other disabilities.

The council was given copies of the current state policies regarding School Readiness Council Membership, Responsibilities and the Role of the Liaison. Also the General Policy regarding GP B-06.

Dale and Ginger will be reviewing the Council By-Laws. The conflict of interest needs to be discussed with Jamie and Hamlet. They will also check with Dianabel Aviles to help us create our policy re.GP B-06.

Dale and Ginger attended a State meeting on October 13th. Slides were handed out and will be shared with the Council at next month's meeting.

They will try to attend a council meeting in another town (possibly East Haven). They feel it would be helpful to see how other councils operate.

Our council currently is looking for a parent who would be interested in serving on the Board.

Lauren Skultety talked about the BPS PreK focus for the year. They are in the process of doing a self-study. Our SR programs are invited to attend. The meetings have been changed to Wednesday, 12:30 - 1:30. On Oct. 25th the meeting will be at Slinky.

Lauren talked about the programs they are observing for use next year.

### **Committee Reports**

- Robin Comey, BECC, talked about the event taking place on Sunday, Oct 22, 11-3, at the former site of Branford Hills School. This event is sponsored by the Branford Recreation Department with BECC providing music/entertainment for the day.
- There will be a Trick or Treat event at Foote Park on 10/25. This is being sponsored by the Branford Recreation Department.

### **Professional Development**

- A roundtable "How to refer a child-what to look for" was presented by Dianibel Aviles. This was attended by 32 teachers.
- This is week 3 of the training for home care providers. Robin Comey said that 17 people from all over have been attending and the feedback has been very positive.

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Ginger Vickstrom