

Branford School Readiness Council
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Present: Jamie Cosgrove, Ginger Vickstrom, Anne Adinolfi, Robin Comey, Michele Krumenacker, Carly Lemire, Judy Hall, Diane Pappacoda

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Meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m.

Minutes from September 15 and October 20 were approved as corrected. (motion Jamie, second Robin, all in favor)

Liaison Report (Judy)

- The Office of Early Childhood requires state funded programs such as School Readiness to enter child enrollment data into the Early Childhood Information System (ECIS). Deadline for submission had been extended to November 30 due to issues synchronizing SASIDs between ECIS and the Public School Information System (PSIS). These issues have been corrected and the current deadline for ECIS data submission is December 6.
- Judy has observed all School Readiness classrooms (one at FRC and two at BELC).
- Both programs have active waiting lists with a total of seven children who are age-eligible now and more who will be eligible in upcoming school years.

Co-Chairs State Update: (Ginger)

- Ginger reported on the state meeting she and Dale attended on October 13.
 - Andrea Brinnel had presented an Introduction to School Readiness for SR Co-Chairs. Ginger gave a quick review of this presentation and has copies of Andrea's slides available.
 - Ginger and Dale submitted two questions:
 - Will the OEC develop a consistent monitoring form?
 - Can we get specific information on the scoring of our grant application (points earned on the scoring rubric)?
 - No answer to date.
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Ginger passed around a sign-up sheet for volunteers to serve on a subcommittee to review our by-laws and policies.

Kindergarten transition was discussed. Anne Adinolfi reported that there is now a consistent form used in all three elementary schools for transition from Pre-K to Kindergarten. Anne volunteered to help facilitate transition from community programs.

Anne reported on a meeting that she, Lauren, and the pre-K teacher from Tisko had attended. The OEC is developing a new observation/assessment tool – The CT DOTS. This tool has been piloted and the OEC is now looking for programs to field test it.

Community Special Projects/Outreach Events

- Robin – BECC
 - The ten-week training session for Family Childcare Providers has been well attended and is now in week seven.
 - The November Roundtable included an evening of storytelling with Ann Shapiro of the Connecticut Storytelling Center and a presentation by Judy Goldberg on *Thrive* – developed by the OEC and the United Way to provide free professional development trainings and support for early childhood educators.
 - There will be no Roundtable in December.
 - Robin has copies of the Resource Guide in English and Spanish.

- Diane (BELC) is working to develop a diaper bank in Branford.

New Business: Pyramid Model Training

- Judy presented information on the Pyramid Model, a tiered intervention framework for promoting social, emotional, and behavioral development of young children.
- Free training for early childhood professionals is available through Thrive. This training can be divided into four two-hour sessions. A class will be offered in Branford if we have a minimum of ten participants.
- Judy suggested that the School Readiness Council should sponsor a training for all interested early childhood educators in Branford, including community programs and the public school pre-K teachers.
- Jamie made a motion that we proceed with the Pyramid Model Training and have Judy coordinate the scheduling. Motion seconded by Robin. All in favor, motion passed.
- Judy will work with Robin and Diane to coordinate Pyramid Model Training and Roundtables.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:45.

Respectfully submitted,
Judith Hall