

Branford School Readiness Council Meeting

Meeting Minutes

February 19, 2021

Board Members Present are in Bold: Dale Izzo, Carole Weisberg, Carly Lemire, Robyn Comey, Jamie Cosgrove, Diane Pappacoda, Stephanie Linke, Michele Krumenacker, Rachel Kalman, Lauren Skultery, Vanessa Fleming-Reid

A the meeting was called to order at 9:36AM by Chair Dale Izzo

The meeting minutes for January were not present for approval. They will be reviewed at the next meeting

SR Liaison Report – Carole reported that the SR grant guidelines for FY 2021-22 should be released next month. The format will be different this year and should be much easier to share with the council members.

Monitoring: Carole has met with over zoom with both programs, and created forms for each of the SR sites to fill out as no on-site visits are taking place currently due to COVID. Carole reviews them with each of the site directors.

QE: The QE grant has been entered into the EGMS system and is ready to when we need to begin making payments to the vendor. Both sites have been receiving services.

Reporting: The state has a new system with the monthly reporting. It seems to be going well.

Program Site Reports: Both site Directors report that things are going well. Michele has been filling in with classroom duties as she is down a staff member and hasn't gotten much of a response with the application process. Recently BELC has to close due to a child testing positive for COVID and having siblings in different classrooms. They are ready to be open next week. FRC is now officially part of the Diaper Bank.

BPS Pre-K: Waiting on dates for registration. Things currently are still fluid and up in the air. They still do not know what the school year will look like next year.

School/Community Reports: Robin reported that Preschool teachers are part of the next wave when teachers are to get vaccinated. More information is forth coming.

Robin is on the Education Committee and Childcare and gave a quick overview of early stages of upcoming legislative initiatives around ECE and discussed "The Right to Read". She will be sending more information to the council via email when it becomes available. Robin is also going to be the scheduled speaker at the next ECE Alliance Zoom meeting on 2/22. All were invited to attend.

Old Business: Preschool Fair: The subcommittee met several times and felt at this time due to the responses and outreach that we should put the preschool fair on hold. Carole had reached out to many sites, but we just didn't get many responses. We will revisit.

New Business: A discussion was held about childcare and summer camps.

Public Comment: None

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

1st: Carly Lemire 2ndL Robyn Comey

The meeting was adjourned at 10:37AM