

Branford School Readiness Council Meeting

Joe Trapasso Community House and ZOOM

June 1, 2022

Council Members Present are in Bold: In person & zoom: Dale Izzo, Carly Lemire, Robin Comey, James Cosgrove, Erin Hearn, Carole Weisberg, Diane Pappacoda, Lauren Skultery, Vanessa Fleming-Redd, Kim Cellini, Deidre Popkin, Rachel Kalman

Guest: Gladys Deutsch

The meeting was called to order at 1:17 via in person and ZOOM by Chair Dale Izzo

A motion was made to approve the April month meeting minutes from 4-6-2022

1st: Robyn Comey 2nd: Deidre Popkin Motion Carries

A motion was made to approve the Special Meeting minutes from 5-5-2022

1st: Robyn Comey 2nd: Diane Pappacoda Motion carries

Liaison Report: Carole reported that she is now a trained observer using "The Teaching Pyramid Observation Tool" (TPOT) and will begin classroom observations this fall. She also reported that there has been significant increases in the state budget for infant/toddler care by raising the reimbursement rate and increasing IT slots, and that the SR Funding is stable. We are still waiting on the outcome of our SR grant for FY 2023. The ACES BCBA support for the classrooms from the FY22 QE grant has hours left to provide to our SR programs. They will honor the hours that are owed to us and provide staff training and a parent workshop on behavior management topics.

Program Up-dates:

BELC: The children and staff are all doing well. Spaces are filling up for September. The children will be performing on the back stage of Festival Weekend. We are excited for the children and their families to be able to do this finally. (Saturday, June 18th at 9:30AM)

FRC: Summer programming will have lots of enrichment opportunities and Music. All are spaces are expected to be filled for September.

Update from Gladys:

Gladys gave a detailed report about her observations of all our School Readiness Sites/classrooms. She thanked the council for the opportunity to observe our SR classrooms and was pleased with the staff and the children. She indicated that our SR classroom are safe, secure, enriching, age appropriate, stimulating, good quality programs. She will be sending a detailed final written report to the council.

Old Business: None

New Business: The BECC Board has decided to dissolve the organization and indicated that they commend the great work the SR Council is doing. They have offered resources and support to the Council. SR council members indicated that they would like to continue to host the round table training meetings.

A motion was made to adjourn at 1:44 PM

1st: Robyn Comey 2nd: Diane Pappacoda