

School Readiness Meeting Notes
2/22/2023 @ 1PM
Via ZOOM

Council Members Present are in Bold: Dale Izzo, Carly Lemire, Robin Comey, James Cosgrove, **Erin Hearn, Diane Pappacoda, Lauren Skultery, Vanessa Fleming-Redd**, Deidre Popkin, Rachel Kalman, Isa Bolotin, Kaliuha Spears-Burgess, Charles Cicarella, **Ariana Loyola** and **Carole Weisberg**

1. Diane moved and Erin 2nd – Meeting Minutes of 11/16/2022 approved.

2. SR Liaison Report

Carole reported that the FY24 grant will be out soon. She will be attending a statewide Liaison meeting with OEC on 2/23 and will have more information to report at the next meeting. This will be a “continuation” grant and should not be too complicated or extensive as the full grant process was last year.

3. Program Site Reports:

- a. BELC: Diane reported Karen Gray, our Quality Enhancement consultant, has visited and was received well by staff.
- b. FRC: Ariana reported that she maintains full SR slots with one child leaving and another joining in April.
- c. Both sites have extensive wait lists.

4. School/Community Reports:

- a. Lauren reported that Kindergarten and Pre-K registration is open for next year.

5. Old Business:

- a. Pre-school Fair - Week of the Young Child Update – The planning committee has been meeting regularly and the day is shaping up nicely. Pre-K programs are mostly all going to be represented. There will be a free pancake breakfast hosted by the Rotary club. Entertainment will include Robert Messoro strolling and playing tunes, a Soccer clinic, children’s Ballet performance, and yoga. The Lion’s club will provide Eye screening. Extra’s include race cars, fire department (if available) and a photo booth.

6. Public Comment - Congratulations to Diane Pappacoda, who has been inducted to the Board of Education Hall of Fame!

<https://www.zip06.com/news/20230306/branford-education-hall-of-fame-resumes-induction-dinner-to-celebrate-class-of-2023/>

7. Meeting Adjourned.