

## **Branford School Readiness Council**

October 16, 2020

**Those Present are in BOLD:** The following were present via Zoom due to COVID-19 **Dale Izzo, Carole Weisberg, Lauren Skultety, Robin Comey,** James Cosgrove **Michele Krumenacker, Alison Tyliszczak,** Diane Papacoda, **Carley Lemire, Rachel Kalman,** Vanessa Fleming-Reid 3:18pm, and Stephanie Linke.

Meeting was called to order by Dale Izzo at 9:32 am via Zoom.

A motion was made to approve the June 1<sup>st</sup> meeting minutes

1<sup>st</sup>: Robin Comey                      2<sup>nd</sup>: Rachel Kalman                      motion carries

A motion was made to approve the August meeting minutes

1<sup>st</sup>: Robin Comey                      2<sup>nd</sup>: Carley Lemire                      motion carries

Carole gave an overview of the grant to date as well as the Quality Enhancement grant for \$3881. She met with both site directors to see about recommendations. They both agreed to move forward with the same vendor as last year and continue with the training. In doing so, the council needs to provide a justification budget. It was also mentioned that we should be looking into in-services/training that focuses on the stressors teachers are facing now due to COVID and the obstacles, differences in learning and teaching methods.

A motion was made to submit the Quality Enhancement Grant for the same vendor and continuation of training.

1<sup>st</sup>: Alison Tyliszczak                      2<sup>nd</sup>: Carley Lemire

Carol updated the council on the new classroom sizes due to COVID. The state has given direction to increase class size from 16 to 18. BELC is not increasing at this time due to having several classrooms. Masks are required for all children who are 3 yrs and older. FRC is running with 16 students.

Full Grant Budget: It was submitted in August., we were approved in September. We are waiting on the board office to approve the budget. We have received a gentle reminder that this needs to be completed so invoices that have been submitted to date can be paid. Dale will reach out to the board office to help facilitate this.

Lauren shared that the Branford School are doing a great job. Children are wearing their masks and adjusting well to the districts model. Teachers are I the swing of the hybrid model as well. Time has been built in to the day for social and emotional needs with opening and closing circle times. Wednesdays are all fully remote and collaboration meetings and 1:1 instruction.

Community Reports:

The library is creating make and take videos, having story time 3x per week virtually and is open for browsing with COVID restrictions in place.

The Recreation Department is hosting toddler classes outside, and beginning October 26<sup>th</sup> is offering a School Dayz Supportive Childcare Resource Center.  
The meeting was adjourned at 10:15am:  
The next meeting will be October 16, 2020

Respectfully submitted,

Dale Izzo  
Carole Weisberg