

Branford School Readiness Council Meeting  
October 18, 2019  
Minutes

Present: Dale Izzo, Rachel Kalman, Vanessa Fleming-Redd, Stephanie Linke, Carly Lemire, Michele Krumenacker, Carole Weisberg, Alison Tyliszczak, Ginger Vickstrom and Robin Comey.

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

Minutes

Motion (Vanessa Fleming-Redd): to accept minutes with the following clarification noted.\*

Seconded: Carly Lemire

Motion passed

\*clarification for the minutes dated 9/20/19:

Michele Krumenacker reported that “she received a grant” – clarification - East Shore Health is the Fiduciary Agent for the grant from United Way and they are collaborating with the FRC and staff to schedule training on the Circle of Security.

SR Liaison Report

- Wait list report: 10 children are on wait list who are currently eligible for SR slots plus 15 children are on the list who are not-yet-eligible (too young). Carole explained the decrease in numbers of eligible children was due to roll-off of children on the list who aged out, those who were no longer interested once parents were contacted and those who did not respond to Director follow-up calls.
- Kindergarten Transition Committee meeting set for November 11<sup>th</sup> from 12:00-1:00pm. To be held at the Community House on 46 Church Street (entrance in rear).
- Parent Forum – Carole will send an email for dates for the professional development committee to meet and begin planning for this event to be held in April around the Week of the Young Child.

Michele reported that Judy Carson of SDE presented on Family Engagement at a meeting she attended and shared a great resource called “Hello Kindergarten.” This and other resources can be found at [www.hellokindergarten.org](http://www.hellokindergarten.org).

Carly reported that she pulls Tip Sheets from a website for families at the Library including a Play-Based Learning Chart and Developmental Milestones. She will send links to the Council.

These types of resources can be useful links for families on the future website for School Readiness.

## Community Events

Trunk or Treat sponsored by the Branford Recreation Department will be held at Foote Park on Wednesday October 23rd 11 am - noon.

Holiday Tree Lighting will be on November 30th.

The Halloween Parade sponsored by the Blackstone Library will be on October 30th.

Light the Night sponsored by the Shoreline Community Church will be held on the Town Green October 31st.

November 12th will be a Roundtable meeting called Telebration sponsored by BECC and BELC.

Judy Spaar is providing giveaways for the roundtable meetings to build attendance. Robin will send out a schedule for the year. Focus this year will be Teachers taking care of teachers.

Dale has requested that the Council give some thought to the meeting schedule for the coming year. In the past there have been months that had to be cancelled due to the council members being unavailable.

Please bring these dates to the next council meeting.

Motion (Vanessa Fleming-Redd): to adjourn at 10:02.

Seconded: Alison Tyliszczak

Respectfully submitted,

Ginger Vickstrom  
Carole Weisberg