

School Readiness Meeting Notes
4/5/2023 @ 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

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Dale Izzo at 1:00PM

1. Vanessa moved and Dee 2nd – Meeting Minutes of 2/22/2023 approved.

2. SR Liaison Report

Carole reported that we received 7 additional slots and will be placed at the Family Resource Center. The FY24 grant is a reapplication and not a full rewrite. Dale and Carole have been working it and meeting with Jamie and Hamlet to get the appropriate signatures. The application only requires a new budget and program updates. A motion was made to continue with Consultant Karen Grey for the QE funds. Diane moves and Vanessa 2nd motion carries unanimously.

3. Program Site Reports:

- a. BELC: Diane reported that all is going well. Slots are full for September
- b. FRC: Ariana was not present at the meeting. Carole reported that the additional 7 slots have been filled.
- 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 and that enrollment is very low. She asked if we could help spread the word that registration is taking place.

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. The event will be held at the Branford Parks and Recreation Dept.

6. Public Comment - none

7. Meeting Adjourned. Vanessa moved and Diane 2nd: Meeting adjourned at 1:28pm