



Colchester School Readiness Council

December 9, 2021

Google Meet

Time: 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Cindy Praisner, Laurie Buyniski, Kristina Swain, Hannah Wheeler, Jennifer Rummel, Liana Carli, Meghan Amado, Kaitlin Smith, Judy O'Meara, Christina Parmelee, Andreas Bisbikos, Joshua Seals

Update on Appointments by First Selectman and Superintendent: C. Praisner updated council members on the status of the Co-Chair positions; Katilin Cassidy has been appointed as co-chair and J. Rummel will continue term as co-chair.

McKinney-Vento Homeless Update: No report from K Perry but not a significant increase in families at CES.

Hardship Request: Council members approved a hardship request for an SR Family. Fee will be waived for September through February.

Current SR Classroom Status: CECP is full; there is afternoon lottery space available. CASTLE has one opening, pending potential family. HeadStart has 5 spaces available.

SR Classroom Monitoring: CECP is working on videos for Joy to review for virtual monitoring.

SR Budget Update: C. Praisner reviewed the 21-22 budget, no changes since last meeting. Most recent PD had good feedback although attendance was low at 4 participants. C. Praisner will send a date poll for the next workshop, and possibly expand on topics from the previous workshop such as Meeting Special Needs.

Sparkler: Community goal is to have 450 children screened; need support from partners, including library and at Joyful Noises to spread the word. CASTLE using the same screener but in paper form. Programs will still refer families to CES if there is a concern for a more comprehensive screening. CECP and Colchester Co-Op are promoting the app to families and using a program specific code.

Meeting Time: C. Praisner shared the results of the Meeting Time poll in an effort to establish meeting time that would best suit families and partners attending. There was no consensus for a better time. Based on the feedback, meeting time will stay 5:30-7:00pm.

Council Composition: C. Praisner reviewed the list of council representatives and identified the needs for the council, including two more parent representatives and a Workforce/Job Training representative. Members should provide C. Praisner with any leads.

Monitoring and Feedback Policy: Council members reviewed a draft of the policy and provided feedback. There are concerns about program, teacher and student confidentiality. A balance will need to be established when issues need to be addressed.

Preschool Data Consent Form: C. Praisner will work offline with J. O'Meara, M. Amado and K. Perry to finalize the form.

2021-2022 Meeting Dates

January 27

March 10

April 28

Submitted by:

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