



## Colchester School Readiness Council

March 10, 2022

Google Meet

**Time: 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Attendance:** Cindy Praisner, Laurie Buyniski, Kristina Swain, Sarah Murphy, Jennifer Rummel, Meghan Amado, Judy O'Meara, Lindsay Therian, Jennifer Lombardo, Christina Parmalee, Gumwatty Garcia

**McKinney-Vento Homeless Update:** No report available.

**Current SR Classroom Status:** CECP's SR spaces are full; there is afternoon lottery space available. CASTLE is full. Head Start has space available.

**Hardship Request:** Council members reviewed and approved a hardship request.

**SR Classroom Monitoring and Professional Development Hours:** Winter visits in progress; in person at CASTLE and videos from CECP. Planning for Spring visit to take place late April/early May, requesting in person if possible. C. Praisner confirmed that Health & Safety training can be used towards the requirement of 15 hours, and still need two early childhood development/educational topics in addition to one on diverse learners.

**SR Budget Update:** C. Praisner reviewed the 21-22 budget, on track for spending, programs fully funded. J. Lenares will be paid out next month for a second round of monitoring. Two Professional Development programs are scheduled. Diverse Learners workshop will take place virtually on March 30th, Math will take place on May 11th, in person. Funds in the supply line were reallocated to cover ESGI.

**Review Changes to SR Selection Process:** C. Praisner reviewed final changes to the process document.

**SR RFP Local Applications:** C. Praisner reviewed the grant submission information. Community responses were uploaded by C. Praisner. The council approved CECP and CASTLE for inclusion in the grant application.

**QE Funding for FY23:** C. Praisner proposed Circle of Security for the Classroom Curriculum, which includes 6-8 sessions at 1.5 hours, possibly hybrid. Program covers the importance of the role of the teacher, as the central relationship for students. Bid out for professional development topics, but did not receive any other bids. See the chart below with proposed QE Budget 22-23.

QE BUDGET 2022-23		DRAFT	
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
<b>Contracted Services</b>			<b>1,558</b>
	SR Monitoring/Coaching/TPOT		750
	SR ESGI Subscription (4 classes at CECP)		808
<b>Professional Development/Training</b>			<b>2,323</b>
	SR Pre-K PD- Circle of Security Classroom		1500
	SR Compensation for CECP Para Attendance at PD		180
	SR Compensation for CASTLE Attendance at PD		350
	SR CLASS Recertification for Monitor/Coordinator		250
	SR Pre-K PD Materials		43
		<b>Total</b>	<b>3,881</b>

**Sparkler Updates:** Council discussed feedback from families using the system including benefits and challenges. C. Praisner asked members for ideas on how to promote the app, such as offering incentives, sharing with families at Play & Learn groups, creating a 'how to' video.

**SRC Parent Reps:** The council welcomed Gumwatty Garcia as the Workforce/Job Training representative. C. Praisner reviewed the needs for the council, including two more parent representatives. Individuals from the SR application list will be contacted by C. Praisner. C. Parmalee serves as the Health representative, J. Seals as Business representative, L. Carli and K. Cassidy are Parent representatives.

### 2021-2022 Meeting Dates

April 28

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