



## Colchester School Readiness Council

April 28, 2022

Google Meet

**Time: 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Attendance:** Cindy Praisner, Laurie Buyniski, Kristina Swain, Paula Gooslin, Jennifer Rummel, Meghan Amado, Lindsay Therian, Jennifer Lombardo, Kaitlin Cassidy, Josh Seals, Liana Carli, Lisette Stone

**McKinney-Vento Homeless Update:** District reports 16 students homeless. J. O'Meara will provide the council with an overview of the McKinney Vento Homeless Assistance Act in a future meeting so that members can gain an understanding of the background and purpose.

**Current SR Classroom Status:** CECP's SR spaces are full; there is afternoon lottery space available. CASTLE is full. Head Start has space available. Will begin to process applications for 22-23 in mid-May. C. Praisner reviewed general process and placement procedures for new council members.

**SR Classroom Monitoring and Professional Development Hours:** Winter visits complete, no issues. Spring visits in progress, in person. Reminder to teachers to keep professional development documentation up to date.

**SR Budget Update:** C. Praisner reviewed the 21-22 budget, on track for spending, QE SR monitoring will be spent. Professional development on May 11th, 6-8PM in person, will be paid out to EastCONN for the workshop on Developing Early Math Skills. Para reimbursement not fully spent, may reallocate balance to PD materials. C. Praisner will reach out to programs to ask what is needed.

**Review Changes to Monitoring/Feedback Policy:** C. Praisner reviewed the Monitoring/Feedback policy document for council members. Council approved the policy through consensus.

**SR RFP Approval:** C. Praisner reviewed the application for the SR grant, including budgets for tuition and community budget, 22-23 QE and narrative questions. Council approved submission of the RFP through consensus.

**ALICE Families and SR:** C. Praisner shared the attached presentation on ALICE and provided information about the challenges families face in this category. A Colchester parent shared her story and experience regarding child care expenses and the difficulties she has encountered finding affordable childcare, including before/after care. The council brainstormed ideas to support families in Colchester such as YMCA, HeadStart extended day, reimbursement rates, and afternoon staff for childcare providers.

**Self-Assessment Tool:** C. Praisner requested that council members complete the SR Self-Assessment survey, link is included with agenda and will be emailed out.

**2022-2023 Meeting Dates**

TBD - Have a great summer!

Submitted by:

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