



Colchester School Readiness Council

January 27, 2022

Google Meet

Time: 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Cindy Praisner, Laurie Buyniski, Kristina Swain, Krystin Lattarula, Jennifer Rummel, Meghan Amado, Kaitlin Smith, Judy O'Meara, Lindsay Therian, Jennifer Lombardo, Teresa Messervy

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

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

SR Classroom Monitoring: Completed visits for the Fall. Programs need to ensure that every staff member has an individual Professional Development plan form and has made progress in meeting requirements.

QE Professional Development Topics: C. Praisner reviewed the SR requirements for Professional Development from the SR Grant Application. Professional Development Plans need to be created. Through an EastConn grant, CECP will participate in a workshop on Differentiation. Discussed offering workshops on Diverse Learners and Early Math Skills in the Spring, and what format would be best for participants.

SR Budget Update: C. Praisner reviewed the 21-22 budget, CLASS recertification for J. Lenares and C. Praisner, as well as monitoring visits and Professional Development have been paid.

Cost of Care: C. Praisner reviewed the Cost of Care for programs. This is the non-subsidized rate for families receiving early care and education at our 2 SR sites.

CASTLE \$182/week, \$7,280 annually.

CECP \$1,500 annually Part Day, \$3,500 annually School Day.

Sparkler: Community goal is to have 450 children screened; currently at 10 ASQ & 12 SE; need support from partners. CASTLE using the same screener, in paper form. Discussed asking parents to offer a testimonial and add links to the front page of the C3 website.

ASQ Kit Materials: C. Praisner offered ASQ kits in hard copy if anyone needs one. CECP will check to see if all classrooms are supplied.

Council Composition: C. Praisner reviewed the needs for the council, including four more parent representatives and a Workforce/Job Training representative. Members should provide

C. Praisner with any leads. T. Messervy will reach out to the American Jobs Center that is part of TVCCA.

SR Application and Process: SR Application will continue to be located online, in order to simplify process and allow for easier organization of information, will add a question at the end of the application regarding Head Start to allow liaison to refer family directly. C. Praisner will rewrite SR Selection Process document to reflect the addition of the Head Start referral to the application. Applications will still be reviewed by a team made up of Liaison as well as a director level representative from CECP and CASTLE.

Community Plan Updates: C. Praisner informed members that the Community Plan Strategy for *Ready to Learn When Entering K* has been updated and is located on the C3 website.

Preschool Expo: Council discussed potential options for Preschool Expo and decided not to host an in person event. Website will be updated with program information and shared with families through email, Facebook and partners.

2021-2022 Meeting Dates

March 10

April 28

Submitted by:

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