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## New London School Readiness Council Meeting

December 11, 2023

Zoom

12:00 -1:07 pm

### Notes

Attendance: Kelly Davis, Tina Salcedo, Jersa Valencia, Erin Mokler, Cindy Barry, Adrenna Paolillo, Robin Pierce, Kimberly Dole, Lynn Reichart, Brittany Watts, Jill Fidrych, Robin Pierce, Barbara Timken, Laurrelle Texidor, Roberta Travers, Dougenie, Marissa Owsianik

Agenda Item		Comments/desired outcomes
Opening		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Welcome to everyone and intros.</li> </ul>
Enrollment Share Out		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Total slots open = 33</li> <li>79% last month 81% this month</li> <li>Little Learners put in formal request to convert 8 slots for infant and toddler + 1 full day/full year slot</li> <li>These conversions can be changed back until March. March-July it has to stay consistent for funding purposes.</li> <li>We were given back two slots by the state- so reached out to TVCCA to see if they could use them since they initially forfeited 4 slots when SR needed to do so by the state</li> <li>Conversion to infant toddler spaces will be more expensive-an excess of \$2,000 will stay in NL. Money does not go back to OEC.</li> <li><b>VOTE TAKEN- convert slots- 8 full day slots for infant and toddler + 1 full day/full year slot</b></li> <li><b>In favor=10 Opposed=0 Obstain=2</b></li> <li><b>Reminder for programs- please put in your info for enrollment grant so Kelly can pay you. The invoice will go out next week, but cannot be submitted until your info is put into OEC website.</b></li> <li>Out of district slots need to stay at or below 25% so if you have out of district students, please reach out to Kelly about availability for enrolling.</li> </ul>
Kindergarten Age Change		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concerns about “clogging the funnel” because current preschool children may not be able to move to K-toddlers will not be able to move into pre-K</li> </ul>



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community event regarding concerns about the change in K age will be held in January</li> <li>• New London is hoping to serve more students whether it is through more Pre K classes or transitional programs</li> <li>• New London is working with the city to build and addition to BP for four new classrooms to fill the need for more Pre K programs</li> </ul>
<b>School Readiness Observations</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All observations by Erin Mokler for the 23/24 school year are complete.</li> <li>• Common need seen during observations by Erin- the need to create intentional spaces</li> </ul>
<b>Parent Ambassadors</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Beginning in January- Lau will no longer be a paid parent ambassador</li> <li>• Dougenie Nina will continue on from January to June</li> <li>• The new parent ambassador coming in January will be Ola. She is a parent of a preschool aged child. Intern for Family Engagement with Jersa. She is very involved in our community. She is also a member of Tina's program and also holds a School Readiness slot.</li> </ul>
<b>Community Updates</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tommy Toys closed registration early for the first time that Tina is aware. The need is so great for all things. Clothes, diapers, etc.</li> <li>• Tina is trying to educate parents that if their children are over three and still in diapers, insurance can cover them with a prescription.</li> <li>• Tina had a donation of winter coats. Small, medium, and large available. Some adult sizes available for teens. Contact NLYA if needed.</li> <li>• Whalers Helping Whalers is going to have a toy drive December 23rd 9:30-12:30 at NL High auditorium.</li> <li>• Ruben Santiago 860-448-4882-from Ledge Light is doing a toy drive. You can reach out if you have families in need.</li> <li>• CT College students are available for Spring Semester for community outreach. If you are interested, Tina will</li> </ul>



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		<p>get contact info to Kelly, and the staff member organizing this, will be at next month's meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New Lonon lead pipe abatement organization is available if you are interested in them visiting your center to get more information out to your families.</li> </ul>
<b>Curriculum Committee</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recap of Unconference experience-</li> <li>• Next meeting is the last Weds. of January 31st at 10AM- on Zoom.</li> <li>• This time will be the standing meeting time.- If this time does not work for people, reach out. They are looking for participation at a greater level.</li> <li>• Some things covered will be-What are some of the training needs, what does the calendar look like, intentional activities</li> </ul>
<b>Transition to Kindergarten Committee</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Very hard to find transition to kindergarten books that are bilingual . If you know of any, please let Barbara Timken know.</li> <li>• Meeting Monday, December 18, at 9AM – let Tina know if you are interested in joining.</li> </ul>