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New London School Readiness Council Meeting

February 12, 2024

Zoom

12:00 - 12:50 pm

Notes

Attendance: **Kelly Davis, Tina Salcedo, Jersa Valencia, Erin Mokler, Laurelle Texidor, Angela Spinnato, Barbara Timkin, Jennifer Zubek, Kathryn O'Connor, Robin Pierce, Zoe Hayn, Debbi Poirier, Marissa Owsianik, Cynthia Ritchie, Andrea Watson, Jill Fidrych, Angela Spinnato, Dougenie, Ola Szczesny**

Agenda Item		Comments/desired outcomes
Opening		
Open Share		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Welcome Center-Feelings event- a hit with attendance over 100. Beth Bye from the state was able to attend. Next Early Childhood event theme will be wheels. ● Circle of Security-parent group at CONN w/ Catherine Bates- not too late to join if parents are interested. Will pick up on the 21st for the last last three sessions. ● Angela Spinnato announced her last day with NLPS will be on Friday. Many thanks to her for all she has done for NL children and families!! We owe her a huge debt of gratitude. ● Lottery for elementary schools is open. Still accepting applications for secondary. Tours can still be requested.
Enrollment Share Out		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 88% enrollment ● Centers, please update slot document as needed. Members utilize this to assist parents with enrollment. ● We were able to get all of our slots back. TVCCA will be utilizing them.
Community Events		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Chef Tom is planning food events for Easter. Dougenie will get more info to us as it comes.



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Collaborative Grant Update		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Through LECC Grant we will be having digital advertising April-June for School Readiness. ● Kelly will share the design once that is determined.
QE Spending		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● If you have not spent down your money yet, or if you are unsure, please reach out to Kelly. ● Please submit invoices if you have not done so.
COLA's & ARPA		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● COLA payments have gone out. ● If you applied for ARPA, those should be coming if you have not received them yet. E-mail went out stating they are on their way.
Committee Updates		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Discussion about BOE and SR working in tandem to ensure we are meeting the needs of families. -Discussion about including this in the next council meeting. ● St. Joe's will be starting to have a Pre K program in the fall.
Parent Ambassador Update		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● New Parent Ambassador Handbooks have been created. Kelly will drop off. ● Discussion about change of K age. - Events have been taking place in other districts for families to share concerns/ask questions. ● Ideas to organize an event at faith related space related to transition to K/School Readiness.
Open Share		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● School Readiness Brochure needs to be updated. Funds will be reviewed to see when new ones can be made.