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New London School Readiness Council Meeting

March 11 2024

Zoom

12:00 - 1:15 pm

Notes

Attendance: Kelly Davis, Tina Salcedo, Jersa Valencia, Erin Mokler, Debbi Poirier, Katie O'Connor, Robin Pierce, Lynn Reichart, Brittany Watts, Barbara Timkin, Adrenna Paolillo, Marissa Owsianik, Andrea Watson, Dougenie, Laurelle Texidor, Tori Congdon, Reona Dyess, Ola Szczesny, Jill Fidrych, Roberta Travers

Agenda Item		Comments/desired outcomes
Opening		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intros and welcome to existing and new members • PLNL's new Children's Librarian joined us. Welcome Tori Congdon!
Slots/Enrollment		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20% out of district slots • 13 openings per monthly recording • 92% utilized enrollment • Continue to utilize the live document to update your enrollment. This will guide members when assisting families when choosing placement.
Parent Ambassador Update		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuing to work the Early Childhood events • There will be a parent ambassador meeting in a couple of weeks • Dougenie mentioned it will be helpful to have things in French, Haitian/Creole. • There is a new Haitian Center in NL. We will try to get some SR trifolds to that space. Cups and reusable shopping bags are available for meetings at these spaces as well.
Community Events		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next community meal has been announced. \$5 meal each month. Wednesday, March 20 - 5pm-6pm (or sell out)@ CB Jennings- 50 Mercer St. New London • As young as 4 and up can join summer camp care- June 24-August 19- Drop In Learning Center • New London St. Patrick's Day Parade- on March 17- Rain or Shine- 1pm



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● April 3rd- Nutrition & Fitness is the theme for the next Early Childhood event at The Welcome Center. 5-6:30
Collaborative Grant Update		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● LECC- opportunity to apply for funding again. Applications are due next week. E-mail Kelly by the end of this week to ensure the deadline is met. ● We have permission to spend down through June. The money will be going to Kindergarten Transition. We will partner with Officer K9 Traveler, order books, order little stuffed dogs, and the dog/handler will visit with new K students to strengthen the connections of starting school.
QE Spending		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Confirm if your money has been spent. All receipts and paperwork need to be submitted by June.
COLA's & ARPA		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Paula is the OEC rep- if you got something from her, please respond with necessary info, as it's due soon.
Committee Updates		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Goal to strengthen committees. Come up with year round goals and action plans. Please begin meeting monthly. ● Curriculum Committee- no update ● Transition to K Committee- discussed the age change- the impact, overview of that. Brainstorming solutions for those who will not be able to enter K because of the change. Impact of budget and budget cuts and how they affect options. How transition classes and collaborations within the community can support. April 24th is the next planned Transition to K meeting.
Important Dates		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● APRIL 24th- 3:15-4:30 next Transition to K meeting with PreK & K teachers @BP Mission
Program Sharing/General Updates		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Child First- a lot of evidence shows their programs have positive results on development and mental health. They will be going through another research study (lasting through December) to ensure their funding. Any new referral has a 60% chance of being selected for the trial.



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to remind NL Residents about the LEAD Removal program • Continue to assist and communicate summer programs and care to families as you see them
		<p>Meeting minutes from January and February were approved.</p> <p>Approved: Kelly Davis, Tina Salcedo, Jersa Valencia, Erin Mokler, Debbi Poirier, Katie O'Connor, Robin Pierce, Lynn Reichart, Brittany Watts, Barbara Timkin, Adrenna Paolillo, Marissa Owsianik, Andrea Watson, Dougenie, Laurelle Texidor, Jill Fidrych, Roberta Travers</p> <p>Abstained: Ola Szczesny, Reona Dyess, Tori Congdon,</p>