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New London School Readiness Council Meeting

November 13, 2023

Zoom

12:00 - pm

Notes

Attendance: **Kelly Davis, Tina Salcedo, Erin Mokler, Laau Mack, Lynn Reichart, Adrenna Paolillo, Brittany Watts, Debbi Poirier, Jill Fidrych, Laurelle Texidor, Marissa Owsianik, Monica Franzone, Robin Pierce, Tanya Pegnataro Tiffany Johnson, Reona Dyess, Barbara Timken, Roberta Travers, Cindy Berry**

| Agenda Item | | Comments/desired outcomes |
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| Opening | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Welcome to everyone and intros. |
| Enrollment Share Out | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 79.1% enrollment- many families have been called from public schools waitlists and decided to pull out to receive transportation and or special services. ● Total of 36 slots open ● Openings- 10 New London Day, 3 Childworks, 1 Mitchell, 6 Riverfront, 8 TVCCA Little Learners, 8 TVCCA Little Learners Head Start ● Opportunities to use unfilled preschool slots to infant/toddler slots to help maintain NL slots. Needs to be full day, full year slots. Reach out to Kelly for more info. |
| Kindergarten Age Change | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 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 ● Watch for survey from Adrenna- should be out by the end of the week. It will include a save the date/registration for the community event regarding concerns about the change in K age. |
| Community Updates | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● School Readiness representatives attended recent community events- Trunk or Treat & BP Early Childhood Safety Event- We passed out flashlights, blankets, chip clips, School Readiness totes & brochures. |



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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Events are ongoing monthly & are very well attended by families who have children from birth-school age- we encourage centers to come- Feel free to contact Jersa or Tina if you want to attend. It is always the first Wednesday of the month. • Please reach out to Erin- erinelizabethscott@gmail.com with a list of 4 school features that make you stand out from other centers. A flier will be made for outreach events to assist families with making a decision for where to send their children. |
| Curriculum Committee | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The unconference was a great event, but the rain may have deterred attendees. Hoping for a better turn out in the future. Participants are what made the event a success. Considering annual or biannual options. Very rich discussions as well. |
| Transition to Kindergarten Committee | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A meeting will need to be had again soon. • Please reach out if you have staff who are interested in organizing the next meeting with Pre K and K teachers. |
| LECC Grant | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trying to spend the money by the end of December. Making payments out to everyone if they have been requested. |
| Co-Chair Nominations | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We currently have two co-chairs. If you would like to nominate anyone, please e-mail Kelly before the next meeting. She will put out a list to send out to everyone. We will vote in the December meeting for new co-chairs. |
| Safe Futures Parent Focus Group | | |
| Collaborative Grant Updates | | |



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| <p>Program Sharing/General Updates</p> | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Please reach out to Kelly & Erin to schedule your School Readiness visits if you have not done so already. ● Schools can make a referral/request OR families can self refer to receive assistance/interventions from Community Workers from CFA for services at school, in the classroom, AND NOW at home through the enhancement program. Fliers will be sent out through e-mail to speak about these programs in depth. ● CTAEYC- Dr. Monica was able to present with Meg Formica. The event was well attended and great content was available to our early childhood providers and educators. ● All NL residents need to fill out the consent form to have lead pipes replaced. Request from Reonna Dyess to have this form made available to NL parents. This is a no cost to homeowners program to have lead pipes in their home replaced. |
| <p>Parent Ambassadors</p> | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 25% of council must be preschool aged parents in order to fulfill council requirements and general policies. ● It is the responsibility of the entire council to help fill these parent roles. |