

Eastford's Readiness Council
Date: January 9, 2017
Eastford Elementary School
Unapproved Minutes

Members Present: Christine Kopplin, Janelle Marengo, Terry Cote, Catherine DePercio, Heather Tamsin, Jen Barlow, Jacki Budd, Robin Bibeault, Susan Shead, Jenn Norman, Michelle Bibeault, Ashlyn Ellsworth,

Members Absent: Linda Loretz

Public: none

1. **Audience of Citizens-** none
2. **Review Proposed Agenda-** Eliminated the Ethical Policy from the Agenda
3. **Review Minutes from December–** Accepted as is
4. **Update on the Program-** Mrs. Kopplin shared that 1 new part day student has joined the class. There is an upcoming library field trip at the end of January (weather provided). The program is also holding a Friendship Fun Activity with Valentine's Day themed crafts and snacks on the 7th of February. Mrs. Kopplin is looking into holding a Positive Parenting seminar for parents in March. This will coincide with an Internet safety assembly for parents of older children.
5. **Program Report-** Mrs. Tamsin has been working on outreaching to interested families to fill current empty slots. Mrs. Tamsin voiced her concern of having enough spaces for next year. She is trying to make it clear that families need to have all paper work into the office in order to be officially registered. At this point it looks like the program will probably have a waiting list. The council needs to be thinking about how many spaces we should apply for in the grant next year. The Needs Assessment Survey went out and may say we need more. It would be useful to have more grant money. Mrs. Tamsin has been reaching out to Chaplin and working on Co-Teacher Development days. State has passed a K-12 Sexual assault curriculum. After review she is hesitant on whether the content is appropriate, especially for the younger grades. The Internet Safety Program (at the same time as Positive Parenting) in March will cover some of that. Mrs. Tamsin has asked some local churches and groups that will hopefully have activities for children during those programs.
6. **Old Business-**

6.1 2nd Reading of Outdoor Play and Play Area Policy and Diapering Procedure:

Outdoor Play and Play Area: **Eastford Readiness Council** will be added to the top of the policy. A period will be added to the end of the first bullet on page one and all on the second page. A comma will be deleted after the word "safe" in the first bullet.

Diapering Procedure: the word "in is added to the first bullet.

6.2 Ad Hoc committee Report on By laws: Ms. Cote shared with the council some of the proposed changes we will need and hope to make to the by laws. Mrs. Barlow will make the changes and send them out a week before the next meeting so we can hopefully vote the changes in.

7. **Budget Report-** The Budget Report was shared with the council.

8. **New Business-**

8.1 Review of Toileting Policy:

Toileting Policy: The title of the policy will be changed to "Toilet Training Policy." In the first sentence the word "Preschool" will be changed to "Readiness." The formatting of the margins will be corrected. On the second page: Under "Disposable Training Pants" the second sentence will read "...will not be encouraged when children are actively toilet training." Under "Children who are trained:" #1 The first sentence will end after the word "toileting", all he/she's will be changed to "the child", question marks will be deleted and commas put in their place. #3 The first sentence will read "If a child has a toileting accident..."

9. **Citizen's Participation-** none

10. **Items For Next Meeting (February 6th)-** The Ad hoc committee will be reviewing the bylaws at 5:30 before the next meeting. We will need to check our registration flow chart again with the tight class registration.