

Eastford's Readiness Council
Date: December 4, 2017
Eastford Elementary School
Unapproved Minutes

Members Present: Carole McCombe, Jen Barlow, Jenn Norman, Janelle Marengo, Ashlyn Ellsworth, Lyn Moran, Christine Kopplin, Susan Shead, Terry Cote, Catherine DePercio,

Members Absent: Linda Loretz, Michelle Bibeault, Robin Bibeault, Jacki Budd,

Public: none

1. **Citizen's Participation-** none
2. **Review Proposed Agenda-** accepted
3. **Review Minutes from November**—accepted
4. **Update on the Program-** The class has continued with their monthly trips to the library. The school nurse did vision and hearing screenings for the whole class. The class hosted a thankfulness celebration. In the future they want to incorporate more outside families.
5. **Program Report-** For next year there are five full day and 1 partial day slots filled. These numbers include current students. Linda suggested having a representative or two come to the Board of Education budget meeting on January 11th to make a request for more money for Readiness. Eastconn will be contacted regarding monitoring visits. PTO will be sponsoring a The NED show on Dec 22nd. PTO is also hosting a holiday shopping event where the students can purchase small gifts for family and friends.
6. **Old Business-**
 - 6.1 **Final Reading of Collaboration Policy and Outside Agency Referral:** In the 3rd paragraph “program” will be changed to “Initiative”. All the added collaborators have their description after but will start with lower case letters. The Eastford Food Pantry will also be added to the list. On the referral portion “guardian” will be added anywhere you see “parent.” The parentheses will be taken off of “Readiness Initiative”.
7. **Budget Report-** The Budget Report was shared with the Council.
8. **New Business-**

8.1 1st Reading of Animals in Classroom and Children with Challenging behavior Policies –Animals in the Classroom: a period will be added after the parentheses in the second paragraph and the next word will be capitalized. Challenging Behavior Policy: “Student Assistance Team” will be changed to “Response To Intervention Team (RTI). “Guardians” will be added after “parents. The 5th sentence will read: “...teacher and other professionals will develop and implement and individualized plan in conjunction with the family that supports the child’s inclusion and success in the classroom.” The 7th sentence will read: “...on the referral: events, activities...” The sentence will end after the word “behavior”, removing the rest of that sentence.

9. **Citizen’s Participation-** none

10. **Items For Next Meeting (January 8th)**