

Eastford's Readiness Council
Date: March 6, 2017
Eastford Elementary School
Unapproved Minutes

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

Members Absent: Linda Loretz,

Public: none

1. **Audience of Citizens-** none
2. **Review Proposed Agenda-** Accepted
3. **Review Minutes from February--** Change months to correct months. Under the Program update the date for the Positive Parenting night will be updated to say: "Mrs. Tamsin hopes to change the night to March 21st after Mrs. Budd brought up the concern that many community members may not be able to attend on a Wednesday night."
4. **Update on the Program-** The Preschool class hosted a Friendship Fun activity. Eight of the current class families attended and three community families. The school recently had the opportunity to have dental and vision screenings (12 students participated). The beginning of March marks Read Across America. The Preschool class met with the Kindergarten class. Mrs. Kopplin was impressed with the Kindergarten's class improvement since the previous year. In the future there are a couple library visits scheduled. The Positive Parenting night was moved to the 21st of March. There is a Books and Blocks event on April 4 for upcoming preschool students to meet Mrs. Kopplin.
5. **Program Report-** Enrollment is back to 16 students; there is a partial day spot open. A new family moved into town so we are hoping to get ahold of them and see if they are interested in enrolling their preschooler. Lions club did the vision screening at school. Forty-nine students throughout the school participated in the program. The school is planning on having them come back year-to-year. The Positive Parenting night is partnered with an Internet Safety night for parents of older kids. There will be a grinder dinner prior and activities to occupy the kids. Dinner is at 5:00 and the presentations are from 6-7:00. The hope is that teachers will be available to show computer programs used in the classrooms to parents.
6. **Old Business-**
6.1 2nd Reading of the Toilet Training Policy: The following changes were made and the policy will be read a 3rd time at the April meeting and hopefully approved then. The name of the policy will be Toilet Training Policy. In the 2nd paragraph "child" will be changed to "children". Under "Children who are being trained:" #1, the second

sentence will read “ Parents share information on how their child uses the toilet at home...” In #4 the word “center’s” will be removed. Make sure the title of the policy is at the top of the 2nd page with the new title. Under #6 the 1st bullet will have the word “the” inserted before “child” at the end. The 2nd bullet will read “about clothing choices if the child is...” The 3rd bullet will read, “about sending in a greater quantity...” The last bullet will read, “regarding the child’s toilet habits throughout the week.” Under “Children who are trained” #1 the parentheses will be removed and the word “for” will be capitalized.

6.2 By-laws: Unanimously Accepted with the following changes. Under Article I #1 By-Laws will be hyphenated and the word “as” is added before “Eastford Readiness Council. Under #2 a hyphen will be added after “3”. Under #4, Letter E, G and I “School Readiness” will be capitalized. Under letter F will read, “Develop a transition plan to kindergarten and make...” Under Article II # 3 a comma is added after “available”. Under # 4 a comma is added after the word “long.” Under article IV, #1, second sentence a comma is added after the word “Council.” Under article V, #7, A., the word “Council” is capitalized. Under E. it will read “Record, post minutes on the town and school websites and distribute minutes of meetings to members, Town Clerk, First Selectman and Superintendent of Schools.” Under article VI the word “Liaison” will be capitalized under #1, and 2. Under #3 the word “Council” will be capitalized. Under #3 the periods will be removed after each bullet with the exception of the final one. Under E. and #7 the word “Grant” will be capitalized. The words “The Liaison” will be added to the beginning of # 5-13; the verbs will then change to agree with the subject of those sentences. Under #7, J. a period will be added to the end. Periods will also be added to the end of #8-13. Under article VII #3 a period will be added to the end. If possible the by-laws will be kept onto 4 pages.

7. **Budget Report-** The Budget Report was shared with the council.
8. **New Business-**
 - 8.1 Approve the Bullying and Confidentiality policies from the Board-Accepted
9. **Citizen’s Participation-** none
10. **Items For Next Meeting (April 3rd)-**