

Eastford Readiness Council  
Minutes  
October 5, 2021  
Zoom

**Present:** Carole McCombe, Catherine DePercio, Ashlyn Ellsworth, Lisa Hackner, Janelle Morengo, Sharon Kozey Greene

**Absent:** Christine Kopplin, Lisa Hackner, Jacki Budd Jenn Norman, Lyn Moran, Catherine Roto, Michelle Bibeault, Mary DeCostin

**Public:** None

- 1. Citizens' Participation** – none
- 2. Proposed Agenda** - approved
- 3. Review Minutes from May 4, 2021** – approved
- 4. Program Report and Status Update** –

Carole McCombe presented the following report submitted by Christine Kopplin:

We have had a busy start to our preschool year! We currently have 16 preschoolers, with a new student starting on Tuesday next week. We will then have 13 full day students and 4 part day students.

This is a very young group, so we are focusing on many self - help skills, including our morning routine of unpacking our things, putting our masks on, hand washing, and toileting.

This year we are excited to have OT, PT, and speech therapists providing 30 mins/week each of classroom time. So far this has been as a PT focused center on Fridays, with visits and lots of modeling of language from speech. We are also using a new app, Sparkler, this year to have families complete the Ages and Stages questionnaires as part of our screening process at the beginning of the school year.

Families participated in a Meet and Greet prior to the start of the school year, as well as a recent Open House. We have also practiced a fire drill, are talking about Fire Safety this week and look forward to a visit from the Eastford Fire Company next week.

Carole McCombe also reported about:

- Fire Prevention Day on Oct 13<sup>th</sup> which will include fire and bus evacuation drills.
- The PTO is hosting a meet the author night on November 12<sup>th</sup> for grades PreK-6 with author Dana Rau.
- The school is utilizing a new photographer this year for class pictures.
- Possibility for using QE money next year for playground upgrades

- Advertising this year's Readiness program to out of town residents. Inquiries came from Woodstock, Thompson and Putnam but no out of town families registered or are enrolled. Discussed being more precise in discussing the stipulations of the grant when advertising and when explaining to staff.

**5. Old Business –**

Second readings of Administration, Collaboration and Indoor Safety policies was tabled to the next meeting.

**6. Budget Report –**

Not presented. Carole McCombe reports no funds have been drawn down as of yet and first drawdown is scheduled for November.

**7. New Business –**

None. Sharon Kozey Greene will review which policies are next to be reviewed and present at next meeting.

**8. Citizen's Participation – none**

Next meeting is scheduled for November 2, 2021 at 5:30 pm on Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Kozey Greene  
Grant Liaison