

**Eastford's Readiness Council**  
**Date: September 14, 2015**  
**Eastford Elementary School**  
**Unapproved Minutes**

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

**Members Absent:** Linda Loretz,  
**Public:** Jen Norman

1. **Audience of Citizens-** none
2. **Review Proposed Agenda-** none
3. **Review Minutes from June 1, 2015 and August 19 Meeting-** the minutes were accepted with the following changes:
  - Under 6.1 last sentence change "right" to "write."
4. **Update on the Program-** Mrs. Kopplin reported that the class went to Buell's Orchard last week and Fire Station today. They have a trip to Creamery Brook Bison Farm in a couple weeks. There is an information night tentatively planned for October 20 but due to low response it may be cancelled. Classroom volunteers have started this week. The teaching staff have a few training and PD days coming up. One staff member is updating CDA for another 3 years.
5. **Program Report-** Mrs. Tamsin shared that we have met the 60/40 ratio for the income of the current families. Union will house our loft for now. The state is now requiring all preschool students to have the flu shot by 2016. To make this easier for families it was brought up whether Dr. Boucher might willing to have a "clinic" at the school.
6. **Old Business-**
  - 6.1 Non-Residency-** We continued our in depth conversation from last month. It was decided that the next step would be to contact our lawyers and have them draw up a policy that we can vote on.
  - 6.2- Student Health Services Policy 2<sup>nd</sup> reading-** The 2<sup>nd</sup> to last sentence will end with a period at the comma to create 2 separate sentences. The new 2<sup>nd</sup> to last sentence will be changed to: "He will visit twice a year to observe and make recommendations..."
7. **Budget Report-** The Budget Report was shared with the council.
8. **New Business-**
  - 8.1 **Review Challenging Behavior Policy-** In the 3<sup>rd</sup> sentence nor will be changed to or.

8.2 Review Animals in the Classroom Policy- approved as is.

9. **Citizen's Participation-** Jen Norman like to be added as a member of the council.

Child will be 3 or 4 by December 31

would

10. **Items For Next**

**Meeting (November 2nd, 2015)-**

Child was in the program prev. year

Family Income is at or below 75% State Median Income (60% or more of total slots)

Family Income is above 75% SMI

**Yes**  
Top Priority In

**No**  
Refer to Family

**Yes**  
Priority for remaining slots after returning

**No**  
See Criteria for Family Income above 75%

No slots remaining for remaining slots after returning students and families

**Partial Day**  
First come, first serve based on date registration was

**Full School Day**  
First come, first serve based on date registration was

If at least 60% of slots are not filled by the families at or below 75% SMI, slots are available to non-resident families at or below the 75% SMI based on date complete registration

If slots remain after returning students, families at or below the 75% SMI and Eastford Families above 75% SMI, then non-resident families above 75% SMI may fill available slots based on date complete registration

