

Eastford's Readiness Council
Date: May 2, 2016
Eastford Elementary School
Unapproved Minutes

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

Members Absent: Linda Loretz, Michelle Bibeault, Catherine DePercio, Terry Cote,

Public:

1. **Audience of Citizens-** none
2. **Review Proposed Agenda-** By Laws will be tabled until we have 2/3 of the council present.
3. **Review Minutes from February-** Mrs. Kopplin was misspelled under #4 and under #5 grants should be grant's.
4. **Update on the Program-** Since the last meeting the class has had a few library visits. The students were invited to an after school Lego activity. This activity was better attended than Friendship Fun. This leads Mrs. Kopplin to believe that the poor attendance to the February activity was due more to the content than the timing. There have been a few school assemblies including the drama performance and the Maypole dance. Conferences were held in April and Mrs. Kopplin met with each of the families. Moving forward they have several transition activities including combined recess and story time with the Kindergarten class and teacher. In May and June there are several activities scheduled including: the music concert, pre-school orientation, Lutz Children's Museum, a performance of Skippy Jon Jones, and a trip to Bakerwood's.
5. **Program Report-** On March 24th the preschool teachers participated in a Professional Development day combined with Brooklyn. This worked out well from both the teachers and EASTCONN's point of view. Mrs. Tamsin is reaching out to other towns to see if they would also want to combine in the future to save on cost. Gov. Malloy is proposing to get rid of all partial day slots. This would greatly affect the registration of our program as more families would choose to not send their child at all rather than choosing full day. Mrs. Tamsin encouraged us to reach out to our legislators to let them know how this would negatively affect us. With the state budget crunch we are making sure to use our funds as much as possible because there is no guarantee if the QE funds will still be available next year. Mrs. Tamsin and Mrs. Bergin have been calling local families to answer any questions and inquire about their interest in registration. We currently have up to 14-15 students registered for the 2016-17 school year. We are hoping to get books out to families who have welcomed a new child any time during the past school year.
6. **Old Business-**

6.1 Outreach-tabled until June.

6.2- Update on grant and registration- Mrs. Tamsin explains the process of grant application scoring.

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

8. **New Business-**

8.1 The first reading of Goal: One spelling correction under Mathematics (Problems=problems)

8.2 Review and Score applications for the Local Readiness Grant:
The council has chosen Eastford Readiness Initiative for the Community Grant.

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

10. **Items For Next Meeting (June 6, 2016)-** Brochure, update on the grant and registration, the By Laws of the Readiness program, results from the Family and staff survey and form goals for the next school year.