

# **EASTFORD'S READINESS COUNCIL**

**Date: April 7, 2014**

**Eastford Elementary School**

**Unapproved Minutes**

**Members Present:** Jacki Budd, Terry Cote, Ashlyn Ellsworth, Christine Kopplin, Michelle Bibeault, Linda Loretz, John Vitale

**Members Absent:** Theresa Neely, Susan Shead

**Public: None**

- 1. Audience of Citizens**
- 2. Review of Proposed Agenda** – Ms. Loretz asked that the issue of the bushes in the play area be added to the agenda under New Business. The Council agreed.
- 3. Review minutes from the February 10<sup>th</sup> and March 10<sup>th</sup> meetings.** – The minutes were accepted.
- 4. Update on the program** – Ms. Kopplin indicated that she will be meeting with parents and will have them complete the family survey. Ms. Ellsworth offered to assist with the tabulation of the surveys. Ms. Kopplin indicated that a program titled Hooked on Reading is being presented and 7 families have signed up for it. The new principal has been invited to attend the parent orientation.
- 5. Program report and status update** – Dr. Vitale presented the advertisement for new programs to apply for Readiness Funds along with the current status of the Readiness Grant. It was agreed that if no new applicants apply the Readiness

Grant it will be reviewed at the next Readiness Council Meeting.

**6. Old business**

**6.1 Tuition policy** – The change to the Tuition policy was reviewed and accepted as presented.

**7. Budget Report** – Dr. Vitale reviewed the Readiness Account. The Council agreed to review a list of proposals to purchase using the Readiness Funds, at the next Council meeting.

**8. New Business –**

**8.1 Outdoor Play and Play Area Policy** – The Council reviewed the proposed changes to the Policy. The Council approved the Policy as presented.

**8.2 School Readiness Grant Application** – Dr. Vitale presented an advertisement indicating the Council was looking for interested parties interested in seeking Readiness Funds through our current Competitive Readiness Application. It was agreed that if someone applies we will need to have a Council meeting prior to the May 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**8.3 Issue of Bushes in the Play Area** – Ms. Loretz indicated that she was interested in trimming the bushes in the play area but in pursuing this matter a disease the bushes have was identified which has resulted in a question as to how best to address this issue. Ms. Loretz is currently investigating this situation. It was agreed that this would be addressed at the May 12<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Council.

**9. Citizen's Participation – None**

**10. Items for the next meeting (May 12, 2014) –Readiness**  
Funds expenditure proposal, Grant Application, Family Survey and the issue of the bushes in the play area were items identified for the next Council meeting.