

School Readiness Council Meeting
Wednesday, February 4, 2015
4:30 p.m.
Room 24

Present: Barbara Wilson (Co-Chair, Hebron Board of Education), Donna Lanza (Co-Chair, Town of Hebron), Eric Brody (Principal – GHS) Chris Lapsis (School Readiness Teacher), Rebecca Murray (AHM/FRC Representative), Josselyn Salafia (Hebron Park and Recreation Representative), Marilyn Piecuch (School Readiness Liaison), Jessica Peck (Parent Member), Nancy Simmons (School Readiness Clerk)

Public Comments: None

Budget Update:

Barbara Wilson reported that she is working with one School Readiness family that are behind in their tuition payments. All other families are current. She will email January Budget to all committee members.

Barbara Wilson also reported that 3 out of 5 of our preschool paraprofessionals are taking an Early Education (ECE 101) class on Monday evenings. Grant money (enhancement money) will pay for tuition and books for paraprofessionals. This is a NAEYC requirement.

Barbara Wilson also reported that she expects to have leftover money. She would like teachers and paraprofessionals to attend a conference on diversity which is required as part of NAEYC. The cost will be \$80.00 per teacher/paraprofessional.

Barbara will also ask paraprofessionals if they might be interested in taking summer classes.

NAEYC:

Barbara Wilson reported that we have officially applied to NAEYC. The fee to apply is \$750.00. We are now in the waiting mode. NAEYC now needs to acknowledge, accept and contact us. Once they contact us we will have a two-week window when NAEYC will come to visit our preschool classrooms and school.

- Portfolio's are a lot of work. It was discussed that teachers need time to work on portfolios together.
- Barbara Wilson showed examples of portfolio work on her computer through School Chapters.
- Barbara and Marilyn are working on Program Portfolio. There is still much work to be done.

- Barbara will talk with Eric regarding possible time for teachers to work on their portfolios.

State Updates:

- Marilyn Piccuch reported that all staff members are qualified (as per NAEYC) and SR Program Teachers have correct degrees.
- Marilyn will be looking at all health forms of School Readiness students to specifically make sure that all students have been tested for lead poisoning.
- Marilyn reported that the state has a new state expulsion policy. We will have to follow policy.
- Marilyn suggested that we reach out to community for School Readiness slots for next year.

Enrollment Update:

- Full Tuition at of today (18 students)
- 11 reduced tuition students
- 7 full tuition students

Pre-School Open House went very well. Approximately 25 families attended looking for preschool options for their children.

Barbara Wilson reported that next year's enrollment is looking good as this point. Two students will continue in our School Readiness Program for the 2015-2016 school year.

Technology:

No discussion

Expansion Grant:

Possible new class for next school year (2015-2016)

Requirements as follows:

- Must have 9 children to meet criteria, class may have up to 18 students.
- This grant is only for 4 year olds
- Transportation included
- Money comes with each kid
- Mental health services (ECCP)/training for staff
- Full school day
- \$25,000 start up money
- New Teacher

We would have to register in March for Expansion Grant.

Nancy Simmons will scan and send Preschool Development Grant – Expansion Grant Subgrantee Memorandum of Understanding to all committee members.

Barbara Wilson noted Pre Kindergarten Screening will take place on Wednesday, February 11th.

Barbara Wilson will reach out to churches, local dr. offices, note in our newsletter to attract School Readiness students.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.