

School Readiness Council Meeting

Wednesday, October 29, 2014

4:00 p.m.

Present: Barbara Wilson (Co-Chair, Board of Education), Donna Lanza (Co-Chair, Town of Hebron), Eric Brody (Principal, Gilead Hill School), Jessica Peck (Parent Member), Marilyn Piecuch (School Readiness Liaison), Rebecca Murray (AHM), Brittany Garnelis (Park and Recreation Representative), Nancy Simmons (School Readiness Clerk)

Public Comments: None

Budget Update:

Barbara Wilson reported the total amount of tuition collected through September 30th was \$5,006.00 which is right on target. Money has been coming in as expected; no unforeseen circumstances. Some money was used for "Pizza on the Playground" for our prek playground grand opening. Evening was well-attended and a great success. Lots of positive comments were received.

NAEYC:

No visit date set yet. PreK Teachers are doing well with individual portfolios. Barbara Wilson is working on program portfolio.

State Inquiry:

Please see attached Letter from the State of Connecticut Office of Early Childhood regarding the possible inclusion in the Federal Preschool Development Grant.

Also discussed was ways to get the word out about preschool options:

- Barbara Wilson will work with Nancy Simmons and David McKenney (IT) about the possibility of linking an Early Education Site on our new website so that parents know what prek options are available. We could also possibly give information regarding Birth to 3.
- Marilyn Piecuch and Becky Murray stated they feel it's important to get all prek options out on the website not just Gilead Hill options. They would like a collaborative website. Becky Murray stated she would be willing to help with this. Eric Brody stated he felt that we could only advertise Gilead Hill programs...maybe we could consider using the Town website for this?

State of CT Updates:

Marilyn Piecuch stated that there is no new information at this time.

Enrollment:

- We are still at 17 students in School Readiness Program.
- Last month it was stated that we expected to be at 18 but parents backed out.
- Our hope is to have full enrollment by next month.
- Low-income family slot open at this time.
- There should be 7 full tuition and 11 reduced tuition in SR program.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Next meeting: Wednesday, November 19 at 6:30 p.m.

