

HEBRON SCHOOL READINESS COUNCIL

September 12, 2012
GILEAD HILL SCHOOL
ACTIVITY ROOM
12:30pm

Council Members Present: Jared Redman, AHM/PREP
Christopher Lapsis, School Readiness teacher
Becky Murray, Family Resource Center Coordinator
Liz LaChapelle, Parent/PTA Co-President
Polly Simon, Hebron Daycare Provider
Christa Goodwin-Babka, Hebron Daycare Provider
Donna Lanza, Assistant to the Town Manager
Judith Richard, Director of Special Education
Kathryn Veronesi, Principal Gilead Hill School
Eleanor Cruz, Superintendent of Schools

Council Members Absent: Barbara Wilson, School Readiness Liaison
Cindy Lalonde, Parent
Ellen Kirkpatrick, School Nurse

1. WELCOME

Judith Richard called the meeting to order at 12:30pm

2. INTRODUCTIONS

All Members introduced themselves and J. Richard introduced School Readiness teacher Christopher Lapsis. Christopher was hired after 70 applications were reviewed, 12 applications were pulled and 6 people were interviewed. Mr. Lapsis was the selected candidate who did an outstanding job in the interview and brings passion and dedication to the position. Mr. Lapsis was a second grade teacher at Gilead Hill School who will be completing his tenure as a grade two teacher on Friday, September 14th. Mr. Lapsis reviewed his background which includes a degree in Early Childhood and a degree in Psychology.

3. Review and Approval of August minutes

Approved

4. Enrollment Update

10 students to date have been accepted into the program. 7 are full-pay students, 3 are sliding scale students. The Council determined that 60% (10) of the students would be sliding-scale students and 40% (7) full-pay students. Suggestion by R. Murray to print a flyer with easily understood information that could be shared with community. J. Richard asked her to review the current flyer and make suggestions to Stephanie Levin. Information about the program has been printed in the Rivereast and will continue to be until the program is filled. Suggestion made to share information with HIHS.

5. Program Start Date/NAEYC timeline

October 10th is slated start date. NAEYC process begins the day the first student begins. Program must be fully accredited by October 10, 2015.

6. Tuition Payment Schedule

Fee Schedule in Program Operations section of our binder was referenced. Discussion regarding pay schedule followed. Motion made and carried. Payment schedule will be by the 10th of each month. Total tuition will be divided equally into 9 payments. Families can opt to pay ahead of time. At this time cash or check will be accepted. Low-income will be allowed to pay weekly. Full tuition will pay monthly. Payment should be sent to Stephanie Levin.

If non-payment becomes an issue, it will be brought to Council.

E. Cruz will speak to the business manager about electronic payment options.

7. Budget Review

Budget line items were reviewed from Grant section of our binder. Teacher line item has been exhausted. \$13,000 is available from X and will use to purchase technology and possible playground equipment. Mr. Lapsis reviewed potential use of Smartboards in the pre-k classroom which supports NAEYC technology standards.

Motion made and carried to purchase snacks for program. Free to sliding scale students and at a fee for full-pay students.

8. School Readiness Nominations

J. Richard Co-Chairperson, B. Wilson, Co-Chairperson.

9. Transportation:

J. Redmond was questioned about the possibility of PREP being able to serve pre-k students before and after school. He commented on space limitations and said he would report back to the Council at the next meeting. No transportation will be provided for students enrolled in the School Readiness Program.

10. Public Comments

Carol Connolly thanked the council and also volunteered to serve as a parent on the council. She suggested that parents who would like to pay upfront can and that those who are realizing a considerable savings, should consider donating to the school. Suggested a question time at the beginning of the meeting.

11. Meeting adjourned

The next School Readiness Council Meeting will be held on October 17th at 7:00p.m. in the GHS Music Room.

J. Richard adjourned the meeting at 1:35p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:
Kathryn Veronesi, GHS Principal