



Vernon School Readiness Council
Approved Meeting Minutes
November 2, 2017
Regular meeting
BoE/Central Office, 9:30-11:00am

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VSRC Mission: To ensure that every child in Vernon will start school ready to learn

- I. Welcome and Introductions
Members present: Jen Snyder, Renee Dasilva, Julie Halpin, Telea Shepard, Allison Altieri, Betsy Crayton, Melissa Isles, Michelle Hill, John Reilly, Shahla Zarinejad
- II. Approval of meeting minutes for September 7 meeting
A motion was made to accept the draft minutes for the September 7th meeting. The motion was seconded, a vote was taken, and all members present were in favor of accepting the September 7th draft minutes as presented.
- III. School Readiness (SR) and Preschool Development Grant (PDG) Liaison Update: Renee Dasilva
 - a) Enrollment
YMCA funded for SR: 18 full day, full year slots; Renee, SR liaison reported that according to the most recent enrollment report for the Y, 16 slots are filled and 2 are pending
VPS: funded for SR: 27 part day, part year slots and 4 school day, school year slots
PDG: 27 improved slots and 27 expanded slots
Renee reported that 2 improved PDG slots are open.

Liaison update: Renee reported that the final version of the OEC monitoring tool is not out yet, but the draft form can be used. Renee will be scheduling monitoring visits for both Vernon Public school and the YMCA within the next couple of months.
- IV. VPS family School Community Partnerships update;
Allison Altieri, from the Vernon Public schools Family School Community Partnerships provided an over view of the various initiatives and activities taking place to strengthen family- school- community partnerships. Some of the key activities include:
 - Central registration through VPS FSCP has provided an opportunity to initiate positive relationships with families as well as an opportunity to link families to community resources.
 - Play, Laugh, and Learn sessions promote community connectedness with a link to learning for very young children, preschool age and younger. These sessions are put on with the ECHN family resource center and held at the Park West Community Center.

- Peace at home website that promotes positive interactions within the home is a resource provided to families through the FSCP.
- School family Liaisons have been assigned to each school and have connected with all new families.

V. Promoting parent engagement with the VSRC

Renee, SR liaison, expressed the continuing need to engage parents in the work of the Council. After discussing some of the challenges, time, childcare needs....etc. the group discussed that we may learn from the success of ECHN Early Headstart Parent advisory group, which has strong participation from parents. More information about that group will be gathered to see how it may be applied to Vernon School readiness.

VI. Community Partner updates:

Park and Rec provided updates on the REK program

Rockville public library also provided program updates

Information about the Vernon Community opioid forum was shared.

Submitted by:

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