



Vernon School Readiness Council
Regular Meeting
May 3, 2018
BOE/Central Office, 9:30-11:00 am
Approved Minutes

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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: Beth Dionne, Jen Snyder, Renee Dasilva, Allison Altieri, Cynthia Zingler, Michelle Hill, Peggy Stickel, Katie Riordan Napolitan, Stephanie Grant, Betsy Crayton, Shahla Zarinejad
- II. **Approval of meeting minutes for March 1st meeting**
The draft minutes from the March 1st meeting were reviewed. Allison noted a correction. Stephanie moved to accept the draft minutes with the noted correction. Allison seconded the motion. The motion passed. All voted in favor of the motion.
- 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: All slots at the YMCA are full
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
All VPS slots are full.
Renee informed the Council that OEC will have additional SR slots in the next fiscal year and has asked communities to reply by May 11th if they would like to be considered for additional slots. A motion was made by Peggy for the VSRC to express the interest of Vernon to be considered for additional slots. Jen seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion passed.
- IV. **Professional Development Opportunities**
 - a.) **Family Engagement Conference, July 10-13, Cleveland, Ohio**
There are available funds in the PDG grant allocated for professional development to fund 2 PDG staff members to attend the Family Engagement conference. After discussion on the value of the conference, all voted in favor of utilizing PDG funds to send two PDG teachers to the Family Engagement Conference. Renee will share this conference opportunity with PDG teachers to see who is interested in attending.
 - b.) **Social and Emotional Institute, June 18 and June 27**
VSRC members reviewed the application details of a Learning Institute offered through OEC that will focus on developing and strengthening local multi-tiered systems that support Social – Emotional development. After some discussion about challenges with timing of the institute, it was decided that the Council would not apply.
- V. **Partner updates: Summer Programs and Learning Opportunities**
Each member had an opportunity to share current and summer program offerings:

Vernon Youth Services, Michelle shared the following:

- Currently making application for the summer food service program to operate 3 open sites for children to get a free lunch while school is out. Details on time and location will be announced once the application has been approved.
- Summer fun program information was shared
- Summer Youth employment and learning program information was shared.

VPS Family School and Community Engagement, Cynthia shared the following:

- Peace at home subscription for parents to use until the end of December 2018
- Developing a summer calendar for activities including laugh and learn playgroups
- Attending Vernon ROCKS "ROCKS" Block party on May 12 from 1-4:00pm
- The FSCP has a partnership with Read to Grow. Families can receive 1 to 2 new books on a monthly basis Mon- Thursday from 9:00am to 3:00pm.

ECHN Family Resource Center, Stephanie shared the following

- They recently welcomed a new staff member who will conduct monthly home visits for families. The home visitor will offer screenings, share information about healthy development, use the parents as teachers curriculum help the family achieve developmental goals the parents have for their children.

The Rockville Public Library Shahla shared the following:

- The Summer reading program theme is, "Libraries ROCK." The program begins June 21st and ends August 10. There will be a big event at the beginning and the end and a program every Friday. Shahla will share the event/activity calendar once it is completed.

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:

Michelle Hill

