



Vernon School Readiness Council
Regular meeting
March 1, 2018
BOE/Central Office, 9:30-11:00am
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: Stephanie Grant, Jen Snyder, Renee DaSilva, Katie Riordan Napolitan, Yaisa Diaz, Allison Maynard, Shahla Zarinejad, Cynthia Zingler, Telea Shepard, Melissa Isles, Allison Altieri, Tanja Larsen

II. Approval of Draft meeting minutes for February 1 meeting:

Draft meeting minutes for Feb. 1 were reviewed. A motion to approve the draft minutes was made and seconded. All were in favor, with one abstention. The motion passed.

III. School Readiness (SR) and Preschool Development Grant (PDG) Liaison Update: Renee Dasilva

a) Enrollment and program updates were given:

YMCA funded for SR: 18 full day, full year slots: has 1 opening

VPS: funded for SR: 27 part day, part year slots and 4 school day, school year slots: full

PDG: 27 improved slots and 27 expanded slots: full

b.) 2018-19 SR grant application

1. Decision to maintain current SR providers

A motion to maintain the current allocation of SR slots to providers (as shown above) for the 2018-19 SR grant application was made and seconded by Telea Shepard and Stephanie Grant respectively. All were in favor of the motion and it passed.

2. Discussion and decision regarding use of SR Enhancement funds for Conscious Discipline Training

In regard to the application for Quality enhancement funds for 2018-19, Renee suggested making application to use these funds for Conscious Discipline training for preschool teachers. A discussion followed. A motion to make application for 2018-19 Quality enhancement funds to hire a trainer that can train preschool teachers in Conscious Discipline was made and seconded by Stephanie Grant and Allison Altieri respectively. All voted in favor. The motion passed.

c.) PDG PD funds, Pre-3 training

There are remaining PDG funds in the 2017-18 grant for professional Development (PD) that the Council needs to determine how to use. Renee shared information about a pre-3 training institute and proposed the PDG PD funds could be used to send a VPS preschool teacher for training through the Institute with the task of sharing the training concepts with preschool teachers in Vernon through a PowerPoint presentation. The Council members discussed. A motion to use the PDG PD funds to send a VPS teacher to the pre-3

training Institute was made and seconded. All voted yes to accept the motion. The motion passed.

d.) OEC Monitoring updates

YMCA: Renee conducted monitoring of YMCA

OEC also came out to monitor the YMCA, over all very positive feedback

VPS: Jill Mahoney conducted monitoring of VPS

IV. ECHN Family Development Center offerings: Telea Stovall

Telea Shepard, Program Manager for the ECHN Family Development Center, presented on the many program offerings and services they offer. Some of the key programs include:

The family Resource Center (located at maple St. School)

Early Head Start

Parenting programs / Circle of Security and Triple P includes home visiting

STEP program for pregnant teens at Manchester high school.

Nurturing Families program

Phone support

Telea will send additional information to Michelle to send out to SR Council members.

V. Partner updates

First choice: Yaisa from First choice spoke of their Dental services offered in their mobile Dental van. They are in their second round of cleanings and they are seeing a high demand for dental care. Can register online. An email is going out to families. All insurances are accepted.

VPS family School Community Partnerships:

Ready Set School fair update, 14 completed kindergarten registrations

Now accepting kindergarten registrations.

Provided update on Peace at home program

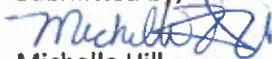
Vernon Social Services:

Vernon Park and rec now accepting registrations for camp.

Scholarship funds are available , but are going fast.

Vernon P and R programs serves youth 4 yrs-13 yrs

Submitted by:



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