



Vernon School Readiness Council  
Regular Meeting  
December 5th, 2019  
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: Michelle Hill, Cynthia Zingler, Simone Sewell, Kelly Moore, Jennifer Barrett, Betsy Crayton, Shannon Boivin, Castella Copeland, Melissa Iles
- II. Approval of 10/10/2019 and 11/7/2019 draft meeting minutes.  
A motion to accept the 10/10/2019 and 11/7/2019 draft minutes as presented was made and seconded. All voted in favor and the motion passed.
- III. School Readiness Grant (SR) and Preschool Development Grant (PDG)- hybrid updates
  - A. SR Liaison Update  
Castella Copeland will begin the classroom monitoring process with the PDG and SR classrooms in January. A monitoring tool will be updated and providers will meet with Castella to go over expectations and observations.
  - B. Enrollment Program Updates  
YMCA funded for SR: 18 full day, full year slots  
VPS: Funded for SR: 32-part day, part year slots  
**PDG-hybrid: 27 school day slots**
  - C. Proposed revised school readiness provider budget Vernon Public Schools. The proposed SR VPS budget was shared. A motion to accept the proposed revision draft as presented was made and seconded. All voted in favor and the motion passed.
- IV. Child First in Vernon- presentation, Jennifer Barrett, Village for Families and Children  

This presentation focused on the mission, vision and implementation of Child First in the Vernon community; 'Child First helps you build strong, loving relationships with your young children to heal and protect them from the many stresses and challenges in their lives.' See the partner affiliates for more information: <http://kidsaffect.org/about-us/> and <https://thevillage.org/about-us/>
- V. Consciousness Discipline Training; This training focuses on individuals developing skills within themselves to be used across domains of their lives.  
Possible dates for the Conscious Discipline training in 2020. Initially the training was planned to be on 2/3 Monday, 2/5 Tuesday or 2/6 Thursday. However, many



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members brought up March 3/16 would work better with a PD day at the school. Confirmation of the date will be confirmed via email or at the next meeting in January.

VI. Meeting Schedule; The new proposed time is Wednesday afternoons at 12:30 pm once a month.

Discussion of the time and date change were in favor of the second Wednesday of every month at 1:00 pm. The location and duration of the meeting will remain the same for the latter half of the year. The next meeting is on 01/08/2020.

VII. Partner Updates

Rockville Library

- A calendar of events was shared for upcoming events at the library.
- An anime and drawing club being created for the high community interest in the creative arts.
- This space would specifically target 13+ students to have community space and events towards their interests
- For more information visit <https://rockvillepubliclibrary.org/events/>

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- A Park West group will meet biweekly from 1:00 - 5:00 for a meet up
- Ready set school fair is on 2/22 from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm
- Online parenting courses are free for Vernon parents
- Kindergarten Registration will begin on March 1st, 2020 until June 1st, 2020
- For more information visit [https://www.echn.org/events/?tribe\\_paged=1&tribe\\_event\\_display=list](https://www.echn.org/events/?tribe_paged=1&tribe_event_display=list)

VIII. The meeting was adjourned

Respectfully submitted by:

Michelle Hill