



Vernon School Readiness Council
Regular Meeting
November 7th, 2019
BOE/Central Office, 9:30 - 11:30 am
Draft 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: Joan O'Donnell, Michelle Hill, Simone Sewell, Castella Copeland

II. Approval of 9/5/2019 draft meeting minutes.

A motion to accept the 9/5/2019 draft minutes as presented was made and seconded. All voted in favor and the motion passed. 10/10/2019 draft meeting minutes tabled for next meeting.

III. School Readiness Grant (SR) and Preschool Development Grant (PDG)- hybrid updates

A. SR Liaison Update

Pyramid Model is enacted from OEC. Pyramid model is a tiered approach on social emotional competence. Programs such as the Backpack connection series and Positive parenting peace at home series are resources that use the pyramid model. Parents and community members can use these resources provided by the Town of Vernon

Monitoring program; Michelle and Castella attended the OEC meeting on 11/6/2019. Currently, OEC does not have a streamlined process for monitoring program. OEC discussed in depth that there is never going to be one specific tool that you need to use. However, there are comprehensive information packets for SR Liaisons and towns to discuss, customize and maximize goals for OEC Grants. The current model in Vernon and across districts could improve in the area of providing more constructive feedback to the teachers.

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. The new version will be tabled until additional members attend the December meeting

D. PDG Hybrid transition plan - Office of Early Childhood

OEC is still in the process of reorganizing and restructuring the program process. Their mission this year is to create a streamlined process for SR liaisons and directors.

IV. Consciousness Discipline Training

This training focuses on individuals developing skills within themselves to be used across domains of their lives. More information is needed based on the availability of council members. Online webinars and in person training are primary options. Discussion was tabled until the next meeting to gauge best option based on availability. For more information check out the following website:

http://www.consciousnesscoachingacademy.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=74&Itemid=716&lang=en

V. Meeting Schedule

The previously proposed meeting schedule for 2019-20 is under revision. The lack of attendance in members calls for a change in date in time. The proposed time is Wednesday afternoons at 12:30 pm once a month. Discussion of the time and date change will be confirmed via email.

VI. Partner Updates

Vernon Public Schools Family School and Community Partnerships (FSCP):

- Formation of playgroups has been slow but increasing over time
- Playgroups have been beneficial as much for the parents as for the children
- Adolescent girl circle (8 week program) is in the process of becoming available Program focuses on friendship, body positivity, empathy, femininity and kindness
- Women's group for moms is in the drafting phase. Program focuses on maternal support, emotional support, resources, time management, etc.
- Parent educator position is opening up to assess where children's readiness are and provide support via community resources.
- Adult education has increased attendance with ESL program, childcare is provided by the high school

YMCA:

- All slots are filled for SR position
- Continuing to get parents involved with center
- Issue in getting kids screened, suggestion of providing a monthly birthday party that also screens children.

VII. The meeting was adjourned

Respectfully submitted by:

Castella Copeland