



Vernon School Readiness Council
Special Meeting
January 8th, 2020
BOE/Central Office, 1:00 - 2:30 pm
Draft Meeting 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, Jennifer Barrett, Shelley McCone, Jocelyn Flores, Simone Sewell, Cynthia Zingler, Kelley Moore, Castella Copeland, Betsy Crayton, Joann O'Donnell
- II. Approval of 12/15/2019 draft meeting minutes.
 - A. Betsy made the motion to accept the 12/5/2019 minutes with the corrections of the meeting schedule and partner updates. Kelly seconded the motion.
- III. School Readiness Grant (SR) and Preschool Development Grant (PDG)- hybrid updates
 - A. SR Liaison Update
Classroom monitoring will be set up by Castella Copeland in the upcoming weeks. The primary purpose of classroom monitoring is to provide evidence for quality components within the grant. The specific tool being used is created by evidence based research to assist evaluators and teachers on how to better grow their environment, curriculum and student interactions. Emails will be sent out to the teachers to coordinate the first classroom monitoring in January 2020. Second meetings will take place in Spring of 2020.
 - 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
- IV. Consciousness Discipline Training; This training focuses on individuals developing skills within themselves to be used across domains of their lives.
 - A. Set date for Monday 3/16/2020 for our presenter. A capacity of 25-30 is set for the training. Training time will be 9:00 am - 4:00 pm with a planned lunch break and snacks provided. The location will be in the Town of Vernon and is currently to be determined. This training is primarily for teachers, clinicians, and school administrators. For more information about availability please reach out to Castella Copeland via email.
- V. Ready Set School Fair: February 22, 2020
 - A. Vendors will be tabling at this event. People should get there between 10:00 am - 1:00 pm. Bus rides will be provided. Attendance in 2019 had over 250 people. Community providers are encouraged to attend.
- VI. Partner Updates
 - A. Rockville Library

- Kick Off with Summer reading starting Saturday June 27th, 2020.
- For more information visit <https://rockvillepubliclibrary.org/events/>

B. Child First

- Two additional openings are available for an 18 month trial period beginning this February 2020
- This includes any child before the age of six
- Child First has a family support specialist who is a licensed early childhood clinician
- Child first is a 100% free home visiting program to assist children and families in assistance with building stronger relationships.
- See the partner affiliates for more information: <http://kidsafect.org/about-us/> and <https://thevillage.org/about-us/>

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