

Eastford School Readiness Council
Minutes
October 1, 2024
5:30 pm
Zoom

1. Call to order and attendance – the meeting was called to order at 5:36 pm. In attendance were Christine Kopplin, Carole McCombe, Catherine Roto, Lisa Hackner, Jennifer John, Sharon Kozey Greene
2. Citizen’s Participation - None
3. Review Proposed Agenda – No changes
4. Review Minutes from last meeting – Reviewed and approved with no changes
5. Program Report and Status Updates –

Christine Kopplin, the PreK teacher, reported:

- The class is enrolled with 16 full day students and they are all settling into the daily routines
- Families are set up with the Seesaw App and seem to be responsive to it
- The consulting physician visited the class
- The class visited the public library and tomorrow are going to Buell’s Orchard with Kindergarten
- Open House was combined with Information Night into one event this year and information was sent home to any family did not attend
- Preparation for NAEYC continues

Carole McCombe the school principal reported:

- Class picture proofs are ready and families can view them online. A picture retake day planned for November
- Oct. 11th is early release day – this is a change from original calendar
- Oct 14th is Indigenous People’s Day and there is no school
- Oct. 29th PTO and school library are sponsoring an author visit
- Planning fire prevention activities with Eastford Fire Dept. to occur within the next two weeks. There will be an assembly and students will visit a fire truck, see the equipment, and talk with firemen

6. Liaison Updates - Sharon Kozey Greene attended a liaison meeting with the Office of Early Childhood today. The State is launching a new state-funded early care and education program called “Early Start CT (ESCT)”. It combines 3 existing programs — Child Day Care Contracts, School Readiness Grants, and State Head Start Supplement Grants — into 1 program. This new program will make things easier for providers — with less paperwork and more predictable pay schedules. The OEC is dedicated to reaching more families and making it easier for them to know their options for high-quality early care and education

programming. All ESCT providers will be supported by Local Governance Partners (LGPs) and liaisons, whose roles will include providing coaching and resources, conducting compliance monitoring, engaging the community, and connecting providers with the Office of Early Childhood. A request for proposals will be sent out to programs within the next two months. There continues to be a lot of unknowns as the program and processes are still be created. Sharon will continue to filter information to the Council as it becomes available.

7. NAEYC Updates – Carole, Christine, and Sharon continue to work with a consultant from EastConn who is providing guidance and feedback on the portfolios and the classroom. Carole continues to attend monthly meetings at EastConn for program directors. The window for the NAEYC visit is Oct 7-25. They do provide 24 hours’ notice before they show up.
8. Budget Report – Viewed Grant Expenditures and Parent Tuition Expenditures to date. No questions.
9. Unfinished Business - None
10. New Business
 1. Program Goals 2024-2025 – reviewed with no changes
 2. Diapering Policy – reviewed and accepted with minor changes
 3. Toilet Training Policy - reviewed and accepted with minor changes
11. Additional Agenda Items - None
12. Citizen’s Participation – None
13. Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 6:18 pm. The next meeting is November 5, 2024 at 5:30 pm on zoom. The link is:
<https://zoom.us/j/99060202594?pwd=Uzidz5kEZdD8nX8v8eE3kA0vV3gjNv.1>

Respectfully submitted,



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Grant Liaison