

Hampton and Scotland School Readiness Council

Tuesday, October 23, 2012

Hampton Elementary School

Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Joy Becker, Paul Blackstone, Allan Cahill (6:35), Mary Geragotelis, Ann Gruenberg (7:15), Theresa Lambert, Suzanne LaFleur, Gale Lockland, Leahbeth Scandura,

Staff: Sandra Frizzell

1. Call to order: By Suzanne LaFleur at 6:32 pm.
2. Audience for citizens: N/A
3. Update agenda as needed: Sequence of agenda items were changed while waiting for a quorum.
4. Program updates: Changes in enrollment were explained. There were no additional questions.
5. Grant/SDE update: Sandra Frizzell offered to share the email from CHDI providing a link to a taping of the "First 1000 Days" Briefing that took place at the CT State Capital on Friday, October 17th.
6. Transition to Kindergarten Survey – Sandra Frizzell provided copies of the SRC Policy on Transition to Kindergarten, the CSRPPES Question and Answer on Transition to Kindergarten Plan, Cover letter from 2010-2011 Survey, and the actual survey used 2 years ago. Council members made suggestions of a few changes to make it easier for parents to understand.
7. Review 2011-2012 CSRPPES- Sandra Frizzell provided copies of the NAEYC family surveys from June 2012. The connection between the Survey and the Criterion Ratings were explained. Summaries of those criteria not meeting 75% were shared. Both preschools received commendable ratings in the top 25% of the nation. Responses to the Community Questions were also reviewed with council members.
8. Review of Strategic Plan – Drafted Updates to page 1, first half.
9. Approval of September 25, 2012 meeting minutes: Motion to approve meeting minutes from 09/25/2012 with correction was made by Ann Gruenberg, seconded by Gale Lockland. Theresa Lambert's name was misspelled in item 5. B. Motion passed unanimously. Allan Cahill abstained from voting.
10. Acceptance of financial reports
 - a. Hampton: Motion to accept Hampton's financial reports was made by Ann Gruenberg and seconded by Paul Blackstone. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously. No abstentions.
 - b. Scotland: Motion to accept Scotland's financial reports was made by Gale Lockland and seconded by Leahbeth Scandura. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously. No abstentions.
11. New Business
 - a. Approve Tuition expenditures:
Hampton: None at this time.
Scotland: Gale Lockland made a motion to approve the use of \$46,335 from tuition fund for salaries and \$9,000 for preschool transportation for a total of \$55,335. Motion was seconded by Ann Gruenberg. Motion passed unanimously. There were no abstentions.
12. Old Business
 - a. Strategic Plan – Complete review of page 1. Draft will be presented for approval at the November 27th meeting.

b. Other Committee Updates

1. Hampton Ad-Hoc Playscape – Sandra Frizzell reported that a second townwide mailing was sent. Install will be in spring 2013. Materials will be purchased in advance and stored for the winter. Committee is discussing Fundraising ideas including “Pennies for the Playscape” collection jars, raffle baskets, hoping to get families with young children involved.
2. Scotland Ad-Hoc Playscape – There is STEAP money left but the Playscape and Recreation committees must meet with Dan Syme to discuss priorities for using the money. This committee will re-convene in the near future.
3. Communications – A Mailing went out in early October. A second mailing is being planned. Mary Geragotelis provided “Laugh and Learn” flyer.
4. School Readiness Brochure – Hampton has printed 50 copies. Ann recommends a heavier weight paper.
5. Transition to Kindergarten – Committee will be: Paula Brisson, Karen Slyman, Elise Guari, Cathy Pinsonneault, Theresa Lambert and Leahbeth Scandura. Julie Conley, Maryellen Kania and Chrissy Stone will be asked if they will be on this committee. This committee will analyze the Survey data, discuss and plan components of each school’s plan and report back to the SRC at the January 2013 meeting.

13. Audience for citizens: N/A

14. Set next meeting Agenda: Suzanne LaFleur has volunteered to Chair the November 27th meeting in Scotland. Agenda: Usual reports and updates, Tuition expenditures, Review of Strategic Plan, New Scotland Co-Chair, New Health Provider, Council Membership confirmed, Identify a Needs Assessment Sub-Committee.

15. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 8:08 PM by Leahbeth Scandura and seconded by Ann Gruenberg. Motion passed unanimously. There were no abstentions.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Frizzell

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