

# Hampton and Scotland School Readiness Council

Tuesday, February 23, 2021

## Zoom Meeting

## Meeting Minutes

**Attendance:** Scott Sears, Cathy Pinsonneault, Sam Roberson, Frank Olah, Joy Becker, Mary Geragotelis, Andrea Kaye, Ann Gruenberg, Geri White, Anne Marie Davidson

- 1) **Call to order:** Scott Sears called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.
- 2) **Audience for citizens:** None
- 3) **Update agenda as needed:** No updates necessary.
- 4) **Approval of January 26, 2021 meeting minutes:** Frank Olah motioned to approve the January 26, 2021 minutes Ann Gruenberg seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. None opposed. No abstentions.
- 5) **Acceptance of financial reports**
  - a. **Hampton:** Mary Geragotelis motioned to accept Hampton's financial report. Ann Gruenberg seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously. None opposed. No abstentions.
  - b. **Scotland:** Ann Gruenberg motioned to accept Scotland's financial report. Joy Becker seconded the motion. Discussion included highlighting a second page of the report that listed the family fees collected to date. The motion passed unanimously. None opposed. No abstentions.
- 6) **Program updates:**
  - a. **Hampton:** The program continues to operate in person so the experiences and curriculum have also been similar to other years. The children have been very receptive to the changes needed as a result of the pandemic, staying distant, wearing their masks, playing in designated areas. Highlights for this month include paraeducator completing PMT training, a Valentine's Day celebration, curriculum focused on healthy food, dental health and community helpers. The program is using Khan Academy for kids for the child who participates in remote learning.
  - b. **Scotland:** Scotland has been in person and continues to provide regular curricular experiences to children. Highlights for this month include PMT training, mandated reporter training. One child did withdraw but a new child was added. The program still has 10 children, 9 who participate in person and 1 who participates in remote learning. Scotland is planning to hold a vaccination clinic for staff.
- 7) **SR Liaison report**
  - a) **OEC Updates:** The primary update from the OEC is about the release of the RFP and the informational meeting which will be talked about under New Business, b. Grant updates. OEC has hired two new people to work on the SR program.
- 8.) **New Business**
  - a. **Enumerator Strategies:** Mary Geragotelis, Scotland's Librarian, will include the SR flyer in the information packet for the 1,000 Books program that the library runs. Ann Gruenberg asked if the library is open, it is open by appointment for copying and printing and will be opening for browsing appointments. Frank Olah asked if EASTCONN staff could help with marketing the SR programs. Anne Marie Davidson said she would reach out to Diane Gozemba at EASTCONN to determine who to speak to and if that was possible. Andrea Kaye shared an online group called Next Door Hampton that has many community members on it and may be a place to get the word out about the SR program, Sam will send her the info for posting. Sam Roberson reflected that part of what has changed is the law no longer allows Town Halls to give out birth record information. Anne Marie Davidson will email Cheryl Sparks at OEC to see if they can help. Hampton is planning their preschool screening on April 21, 2021. It has been advertised in the

Chronicle and the Gazette. Already had 3 calls. Cathy Pinsonneault asked if they expressed a preference for in person or virtual, the families do not have a preference.

**9) Old Business:**

- a. **Enrollment:** This discussion was largely met in the discussion under New Business: Enumerator Strategies. The question about funding structure will be specifically asked by Anne Marie Davidson during the meeting with Cheryl Sparks if it is not part of the information presented. Ann Gruenberg commented that OEC is advocating for continued funding for sustained programming.
- b. **Grant updates:** There is a an RFP meeting on 2/26/21 with Cheryl Sparks from OEC. During that meeting the RFP will be reviewed and deadlines for submission will be shared.

**10) Audience for citizens:** None

**11) Set next meeting Agenda:** Grant review, QE spending

**13) Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn was made by Frank Olah at 7:15 pm and seconded by Ann Gruenberg. Motion passed unanimously. None opposed. No abstentions.

**NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 3/30/21 6:30-8:00 pm**

**Held through Zoom**

Respectfully submitted by Anne Marie Davidson, Hampton and Scotland School Readiness Liaison  
*These minutes are unofficial until approved at the next School Readiness Council Meeting*