

Hampton and Scotland School Readiness Council
Tuesday February 28, 2017 at Hampton Elementary School
Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Joy Becker, Cathy Pinsonneault, Melanie Smith-Cervera, Scott Sears, Frank Baran, Sam Roberson, Claire D'Appollonio, Ann Gruenberg, Allan Cahill, Mary Geragotelis, Geri White

- 1) **Call to order:** Joy Becker called meeting to order at 6:33 pm
- 2) **Audience for citizens:** None
- 3) **Update agenda as needed:** Ann Gruenberg would like to add a discussion regarding the legislature and state hearings. Joy recommended adding it to new business.
- 4) **Approval of October 25, 2016 meeting minutes:** Scott Sears motioned to approve 10/25/16 meeting minutes seconded by Frank Baran. Motion passed unanimously. No abstentions.
- 5) **Acceptance of financial reports**
 - a. **Hampton:** Motion to accept Hampton's financial report was made by Ann Gruenberg and seconded by Mary Geragotelis. Motion passed unanimously. No abstentions.
 - b. **Scotland:** Motion to accept Scotland's financial report was made by Scott Sears and seconded by Frank Baran. Motion passed unanimously. No abstentions.
- 6) **Program updates:**

Hampton: Sam reported the program has been working on NAEYC and preparing for their renewal. Family Fridays are still happening, the next one is 3/24/17, and it is a successful event. Student teacher is in classroom this year. It appears that the enumeration numbers indicate there are about 25 children that would be eligible for pre-k next year. Handout provided.

Scotland: Cathy reported that the multi-age concept has been a success this year. New child will be entering in a non-SR space from Birth to Three. February was a busy month. Staff have been working on PD and the new para staff have been doing a wonderful job. Handout out provided.
- 7) **SR Liaison Report**
 - a. Monitoring visits reviewed: Melanie reported she conducted School Readiness monitoring visits on 11/4/16 and 2/16/17 at Hampton Elementary School. Staff are working on continuing their professional development and documenting completion. Sam is working on getting income verification from a couple of families who still need it. Hampton's ECIS data was inputted and updated. Melanie conducted a School Readiness monitoring visit on 11/30/16 in Scotland and will be completing another visit this month. Cathy is working on getting the registry up to date with new para's in the preschool rooms since last year. Staff are continuing working on their professional development.
 - b. Statewide Meeting update: Melanie reported that the CT Core Knowledge and Competency Framework for professionals: Working with Young Children and Their Families, has been released by OEC and shared with pre-schools. These competencies refer to the expectations for what EC professionals should know and be able to do in their role working with children and families. They provide a foundation for professional learning decisions, designing PD, and support quality improvement. A copy was shared.
 - c. RFP 2017: Melanie reported the SR RFP should be coming out in the next few weeks. The council will need to have a review and scoring process as well as ensure the RFP goes out for bid. Programs will be required to report out on how they meet the 11 quality components this year. If QE money is available it will be included in the SR RFP.
- 8.) **New Business:**
 - a. Hampton Co-Chair: Joy Becker is the new co-chair for the SR Council representing Hampton, appointed by Hampton First Selectman Allan Cahill
 - b. Discussion on legislation: Ann Gruenberg reported hearings for the education committees will be going on tomorrow at the state legislative office buildings. Hearings are usually broadcasted on TV for those interested in listening/watching. Allan Cahill expressed concerns regarding the towns being graded on ability to pay, while looking at the revenue stream and reimbursement rates for all of education components

and forcing shared services. The uncertainty is unsettling and moving forward things are going to look different in the communities.

9) Old Business

a. Pyramid Model PD review: The PD event on 11/8/16 was a success. Kelly Wilson will be continuing her work with Scotland during the 3/10/17 PD day. She will be doing a 2 hour wrap up via GoTo meeting and solidify the strategies and set staff up for next year. Hampton is in the process of setting up something similar with Kelly for their staff.

b. Next steps for QE grant: Final spend down of grant will be done with the webinars and resource purchases.

10) Audience for citizens: NONE

11) Set next meeting Agenda: SR RFP, update on webinars with Kelly Wilson, state budget discussion

13) Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 7:12 pm by Frank Baran and seconded by Geri White. Motion passed unanimously. No abstentions.

Next Meeting: Tuesday March 28th 6:30-8:00 pm at Scotland Elementary School

Respectfully submitted by Melanie Smith-Cervera, Hampton and Scotland School Readiness Liaison
These minutes are unofficial until approved at the next School Readiness Council Meeting