

Hampton and Scotland School Readiness Council
Tuesday, March 26, 2019 at Scotland Elementary School
Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Clare D'Appollonio, Ann Gruenberg, Mary Geragotelis, Joy Becker, Scott Sears, Sam Roberson, Geri White, Cathy Pinsonneault, Francis Baran, Wendy Scott, Geri White, Anne Marie Davidson.

- 1) **Call to order:** Scott Sears called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.
- 2) **Audience for citizens:** None
- 3) **Update agenda as needed:** Ann Gruenberg motioned to add legislative update to the agenda. Dr. Baran seconded motion. Motion passed unanimously. No abstentions.
- 4) **Approval of February 26, 2019 meeting minutes:** Ann Gruenberg motioned to approve amended 2/26/19 meeting minutes including, name corrections to Clare D'Appollonio and Ann Gruenberg and the location to Hampton, seconded by Geri White. Motion passed unanimously. Dr. Baran abstained.
- 5) **Acceptance of financial reports**
 - a. **Hampton:** Motion to accept Hampton's financial report was made by Joy Becker and seconded by Clare D'Appollonio. Motion passed unanimously. No abstentions.
 - b. **Scotland:** Motion to accept Scotland's financial report was made by Ann Gruenberg seconded by Clare D'Appollonio. Discussion about using the same program to produce the financial reports. Motion passed unanimously no abstentions
- 6) **Program updates:**
 - a. **Hampton:** Council reviewed no discussion.
 - b. **Scotland:** Council reviewed no discussion.
- 7) **SR Liaison Report**

SR RFP Update

Anne Marie shared the dates for the process and the steps that would be completed to submit the applications.
- 8.) **New Business:**
 - a. Council input on SR RFP Community Grant

Describe how the School Readiness Council participated in the grant application process and what the ongoing role of the Council will be in carrying out the goals and objectives of the grant.

Help determine goals provide input from strategic plan

Discussion talked about collaboration , shared PD on science, ongoing collaboration of PD, conversations at SRC meetings weigh in when deciding on what is planned,

Please describe how the School Readiness Council ensures all early childhood grants received in the community are coordinated to maximize benefits to children and families (i.e. universal applications and/or eligibility screening of families for all programs, joint monitoring, shared resources etc.). Be sure to include information about how the Council supports outreach and recruitment of new families to the School Readiness Program to ensure full utilization of spaces without the diminution of other spaces in the community.

There are no other programs in the community the regional council acts as the coordination between the Hampton and Scotland programs, the Council keeps the programs on task by reviewing the program updates and supporting the activities of the program, the Council participated in the development of the flyer that is used for recruitment and makes suggestions for outreach, the flyer is posted in the library, post

office, is disseminated to websites, links back to school website, the programs obtain birth information from Town Office with contact information to call and send letters about SR, information is also posted in The Chronicle

9) Old Business

a. Continued Chaplin Discussion

Scott sent an email to Superintendent and first selectman. The Superintendent responded that he was interested and would call, he did not yet call Scott. Did not hear from the First Selectman. The email included invitation and by laws.

b. Recruitment of new members

Continued ongoing activities

c. Legislative updates

- Ann Gruenberg submitted written testimony regarding regionalization
- Four Bills having to do with regional
- SRC is a good model of working through resistance, 4 members of Ed committee ask for examples, Ann shared SR initiatives as a model of effective collaboration good use of cost effective resources
- Bobby Sanchez has an EC background may see positive
- Overall the discussion is still up in the air for several reasons, why a district would want to regionalize may be a reason a district does not want to regionalize, statutory obstacles to collaboration are large e.g. working with Brooklyn at high school interpreted a cooperative school as build a new school may not be the situation now only one place tried and it failed towns have a cooperative agreement but it's cumbersome, Essex is trying but it's not working well k-12 towns that try to regionalize have not worked can possibly work share resources and services

d. Recruitment of new members- discussion moved to next meeting.

10) Audience for citizens: One citizen arrived during the meeting. Question about outreach- Is information about children available through the census. Dr. Baran did not think so. The information would be helpful so that communities can plan accordingly for supports and services

Suggestion that there may be a way to bypass that ordinance that allows the collection of data by a town. Clare not sure a town can override with an ordinance. Discussion that new Town Clerks are trained by the state and that the new training may be causing this shift. Perhaps reach out to the State and express the unintended consequence.

Additional suggestions for getting the information, use the Sprague Highland Herald, Scotland Public Library used to hand out gift bags and ask for names and addresses, host an event, at the event talk about what the SR Council is doing and why it's important so that people want to become engaged.

11) Set next meeting Agenda: Chaplin update, SR RFP review, recruitment of new members

13) Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 8:16 by Clare D'Appollonio and seconded by Mary Geragotelis. Motion passed unanimously. No abstentions.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 4//19 6:30-8:00 pm at Scotland Elementary School

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