

Hampton and Scotland School Readiness Council
Tuesday September 24, 2019 at Scotland Elementary School
Meeting Minutes

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

- 1) **Call to order:** Scott Sears called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm.
- 2) **Audience for citizens:** None
- 3) **Update agenda as needed:** Geri White motioned to add SR grant application process to the agenda. Clare D'Appollonio seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. None opposed. No abstentions. The item was added as 9 d under Old Business.
- 4) **Approval of May 8, 2019 meeting minutes:** Ann motioned to approve the May 8, 2019 meeting minutes. Frank seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously. None opposed. No abstentions.
- 5) **Acceptance of financial reports**
 - a. **Hampton:** Motion to accept Hampton's financial report as questioned was made by Geri White and seconded by Ann Gruenberg. Discussion around \$4,800.00 listed as administrative salary. Motion passed unanimously. None opposed. No abstentions.
 - b. **Scotland:** Motion to accept Scotland's financial report was made by Frank Baran seconded by Clare D'Appollonio. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously. None opposed. No abstentions.
- 6) **Program updates:**
 - a. **Hampton:** Council reviewed the update, no discussion.
 - b. **Scotland:** Council reviewed the update, the discussion included the upcoming NAEYC accreditation visit and Scotland SR enrollment numbers.
- 7) **SR Liaison Report**
 - a. monitoring visits- Anne Marie shared that the first visits will occur in October and the Council will be updated at the October meeting.
 - b. Go NAPSACC- Anne Marie shared information about the Go NAPSACC program. SR programs will reach out to Melanie Smith-Cervera if interested in participating.
- 8.) **New Business:** None
- 9) **Old Business**
 - a. Chaplin addition to Hampton Scotland Council-
Scott Sears reviewed that He reached out to Chaplin's Superintendent, Principal and First Selectman. He initially received a reply and request to discuss. When he tried to schedule a discussion there was no response. Anne Marie shared that Angela Fournier, the School Readiness liaison for Chaplin, reached out to her over the summer. They discussed that Angela would follow up with Chaplin about joining the Hampton Scotland SR Council. No further communication has been received.
 - b. Plan for Quality Enhancement Funds – The focus for the Quality Enhancement funds for the 2019-2020 school year is Social Emotional development. Anne Gruenberg shared feedback on a presentation she attended on 9/20/19 given by Viana Turcios-Cotto that focused on early childhood trauma. She stated that the presenter was very knowledgeable and is local and could be a good resource for presenting if the programs were interested in that topic. Both program directors said that would be worthwhile. Anne Marie will share the presenter contact information with the program directors. Ann also mentioned another

possible resource, SE 4CT. Anne Marie will look for contact information for that program and share that with the program directors as well. A final possible topic discussed was a follow up from Pyramid Model training staff received two years ago. The decision should be made by the October 24, 2019 meeting.

c. Recruitment of new members- A new member was added to the Council. Andrea Kaye will serve as Hampton's First Selectman's designee. Clare D'Appollonio shared that the September meeting is her last meeting. Members continue to engage in recruitment efforts.

d. Discussion SR grant application process as it pertains to last year- Council members discussed the 2019 grant application process and expressed concern over the need to have a special meeting to address the deficits in the Hampton's application. The need to be proactive in preparing for the application was emphasized so that the situation is not repeated. Adding a Grant Update item to the agenda beginning in January 2020 was offered and accepted as a solution to meeting the timeline and to keeping the Council informed of each program's progress on writing the grant.

10) Audience for citizens: None

11) Set next meeting Agenda: Hampton explanation of \$4,800.00 budget item, update about Quality Enhancement plan.

13) Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Frank Baran at 7:30 pm and seconded by Joy Becker. Motion passed unanimously. No abstentions.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 10/29/19 6:30-8:00 pm at Hampton 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