

Hampton and Scotland School Readiness Council

Minutes

Wednesday, April 13, 2011

Hampton Elementary School

Attendance: Maryellen Donnelly, Mary Geragotelis, Linda Gorman, Ann Gruenberg, Theresa Lambert, Suzanne LaFleur, Gale Lockland (6:35) Laurie Savino, Leahbeth Scandura, Marsha Willhoit

Staff: Sandra Frizzell

1. **Call to order:** By Suzanne LaFleur at 6:33 pm.
2. **Audience for citizens:** n/a
3. **Update agenda as needed:** n/a
4. **Approval of February 9, 2011 meeting minutes:** Motion to approve meeting minutes from 02/09/2011 was made by Ann Gruenberg, seconded by Marsha Willhoit. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously. Leahbeth Scandura, Linda Gorman and Theresa Lambert abstained.
5. **Acceptance of financial reports**
 - a. **Hampton:** Marsha Willhoit moved to accept two months' financial reports for Hampton, motion seconded by Ann Gruenberg. Discussion: Marsha Willhoit offered an explanation of the three pages contained in each Hampton Report. Any overspent funds will be drawn from the equity tuition account. Motion passed unanimously. Linda Gorman abstained.
 - b. **Scotland:** Theresa Lambert moved to accept the two Scotland monthly financial reports, motion seconded by Gale Lockland. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously. Linda Gorman abstained.
6. **Program updates:** Marsha Willhoit added that the school day student that had left previously had returned to the program making the school day number 11 students. Theresa Lambert made the council aware that the Scotland Program Updates from November, December and January should have reported 7 children in Julie Conley's half day program and not 6. May 31, 2011 is the date of the Scotland Preschool trip to Boston, MA. The children and their individual chaperone(s) will travel by coach bus.
7. **Grant/SDE update:**

Ann Gruenberg reported that she attended the School Family Partnership Conference, representing our council. It was an excellent day with wonderful ideas from the Chicago Model for Reform, James Comer and work with School Gov. Councils.

Marsha Willhoit and Sandra Frizzell gave an overview on the Preschool Screening which took place in each school in April.
8. **New Business**
 - a. **Budget Revisions-**Informed the council of Scotland's budget revisions submitted to the CSDE. These revisions were approved by the state. Copies were distributed of budget changes. Hampton will not have changes to their budget.
 - b. **Tuition expenditures:** None at this time.
 - c. **Grant Application update:** Sandra Frizzell reported that the numbers look good for filling SR slots next year. Program monitoring by EASTCONN must be scheduled. Grant Committee will choose a date and time to meet to review and edit the grant application so it is ready to present to the full council at our next regular meeting on May 10, 2011.
9. **Old Business:**
 - a. **Committee Updates**
 1. **Hampton Ad-Hoc Playscape Committee:** Maryellen Donnelly shared the mission drafted by the committee. Christine Devine from LISC will come to visit the group on March 28th at the Hampton Town Hall at 2:00pm.
 2. **Scotland Ad-Hoc Playscape Committee:** It has been decided that Bower's Park will be an ideal site for a new playscape that families can access during the school day. Committee began meeting in March.
 3. **SRC Brochure Committee:** Ann Gruenberg and Chrissy Stone began working on improving the graphics. They are seeking permission from families to put children's' pictures in the brochure. Theresa Lambert gave several suggestions to make the language more understandable. Theresa offered her assistance with drafting/ editing/revising.
 4. **Other:** none

10. New Business:

Transition to Kindergarten Survey Results: Results were shared with council members. Copies were distributed. The percent of returned surveys was excellent. A gift certificate to Borders Books will be presented in each school. Overall parents were very pleased with the transition. An equal number of families prefer to receive information in the spring before kindergarten and during the summer just before kindergarten.

11. Audience for citizens: n/a

12. Set May 10, 2011 meeting agenda

- *Usual report and Updates
- *Approve Grant Application
- *SRC Brochure
- *Ad-Hoc Playscape Committees' Updates

13. Adjournment: 7:25 pm. Motion to adjourn made by Laurie Savino , seconded by Ann Gruenberg. Motion passed unanimously. No abstentions.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Frizzell

Hampton and Scotland School Readiness Coordinator

These minutes are un-official until they are approved at the next regular meeting of the School Readiness Council