

## Hampton and Scotland School Readiness Council

Tuesday, September 28, 2021

Zoom Meeting

Meeting Minutes

**Attendance:** Scott Sears, Sam Roberson, Joy Becker, Mary Geragotelis, Andrea Kaye, Ann Gruenberg, Anne Marie Davidson, Frank Olah, Ann Knowles, Terry Surprenant

- 1) **Call to order:** Scott Sears called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm.
- 2) **Audience for citizens:** None
- 3) **Update agenda as needed:** No updates needed.
- 4) **Approval of April 27, 2021 meeting minutes:** Mary G. motioned to approve the minutes as written. Ann G. seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. None opposed. No abstentions.
- 5) **Acceptance of financial reports**
  - a. **Hampton:** Ann Gruenberg motioned to accept Hampton's financial report. Joy Becker seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously. None opposed. No abstentions.
  - b. **Scotland:** Ann G. motioned to accept Scotland's financial report. Mary G. seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously. None opposed. No abstentions.
- 6) **Program updates:**
  - a. **Hampton:** There are 9 full-day students. Chrissy Stone, the classroom teacher, provided a program update that was shared with the Council. Discussion included low enrollment and the impact COVID is still having on family choices to enroll their children in preschool and that there were no births recorded in Hampton in 2020.
  - b. **Scotland:** Discussion about Carol Sweat, teacher's report which was shared via email before the meeting. Scotland's enrollment is positive with 17 children enrolled.
- 7) **SR Liaison report**
  - a) OEC updates – Anne Marie shared that a recent memo shared by the OEC was about requirements for community-based SR programs. So, not applicable to public schools.
  - b) OEC created 2 new resources related to Early Childhood Assessment. Terry will share.
  - c) If there is a full shut down of a program the liaison needs to be alerted so she can report to OEC.
  - d) Programs are not under the same funding structure as last year but there is an additional fund that programs are able to receive if classroom are under-enrolled. This special funding provides up to 25% of current allocation and will only be available through 2021.

[Meeting interrupted by inappropriate/loud music blared by unknown party. Anne Marie requested they silence, then removed them from meeting after they wouldn't comply.]

- e) Introduction of new Liaison, Terry Surprenant. Terry has 30 years of experience in early childhood education. She is a certified teacher and used to be a SR Program Director. She

has worked as an educational consultant, trainer, coach and monitor. Terry has worked in higher education; preparing pre-service teachers for the past 12 years, but recently returned to consulting as an EASTCONN employee.

**8) New Business**

- a) Introductions of Scotland's new principal, Ann Knowles!
- b) Joy Becker asked about memo shared by Anne Marie about Zoom meetings. Anne Marie clarified that she had shared a memo via email (9/24/21) with guidance from Scotland about public meeting requirements that are held electronically.
- c) Discussion about how long to continue holding meetings virtually. Next meeting will be virtual in November and no meeting in December, so will have time to decide if the Council could resume in-person meetings by January.
- d) Ann Knowles commented that Deborah needed the updated monthly report form.

**9) Old Business**

- a) Supplemental Funding – provides additional support through the liaison to increase virtual learning and online activities. Terry will begin activities to meet the goals of the application that was submitted and approved by the OEC.

**10) Audience for citizens** – None present.

**11) Next Agenda Development:** October's agenda will reflect the standing items.

**12) Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn was made by Ann Gruenberg at 7:12 pm and seconded by Joy Becker. Motion passed unanimously. None opposed. No abstentions.

**NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 10/26/21 6:30-8:00 pm**  
**Held through Zoom**

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