

Bristol School Readiness Council
Regular Meeting
May 1, 2024

- The regular meeting of the School Readiness Council was held on May 1, 2024 on the Zoom Meeting Platform and called to order by Chairperson Eaton at 12:20 PM.

Present: Cecilia Garay, Maureen Eaton, Michelle Fangiullo, Siri Gilmore, Michelle Herens, Sarah Holmes, Donna Koser, Amber Lipscomb, Wendy McGrath, Brenda Moore, Valerie Pelletier, Dina Schaffrick, Jennifer St. John, Courtney Sugarman, Valerie Toner

Absent: Matt Baronowski, Yesenia Fuentes, Andrew Howe, Susan Adeife Lee, Alyssa McGhee, Jillian Romann, Kristina Tanguay

Also Present: Maegan Adams, Laura Carlisle

- **Welcome and Introductions**
- **Approval of School Readiness Council Meeting Minutes held April 3, 2024:**
 - ***Motion by School Readiness Council member Val Toner and seconded by Jennifer St. John, it was a unanimous vote to approve the minutes of the School Readiness Council Minutes held April 3, 2024.***
- **Committee Updates**
 - Program Quality – Maureen Eaton and Maegan Adams
 - Instead of meeting, Liaison sent notes
 - Office of Early Childhood (OEC) updates:
 - Waiting for grant extension guidance related to Infant/Toddler Expansion funds
 - Q3 Enrollment-based grant submitted and waiting for report from OEC to pay
 - OEC holding in-person meetings for CDC contractors and subcontractors May 7 and liaisons May 21
 - Transition to Kindergarten update:
 - Transition Summary Sheets due to Donna week of April 15th
 - One Night, One Purpose May 22nd from 5:30-6:30 at every elementary school
 - BristolWORKS! Celebration for first cohort May 7th at 6:00
 - Family Fun Day June 29th at BAIMS from 11:00-2:00
 - Next meeting is May 8 at 11:00 at Edgewood Pre-K Academy and on Zoom
 - Health Committee – Donna Osuch for Kristina Tanguay
 - Discussed educational Zoom classes:
 - May 15 mental health awareness with child therapist
 - October 2 eye health with Sherry and Dr. Bartles
 - Discussed ongoing projects:
 - Seed Project had seeds donated by Ocean State Job Lot through the UConn Extension Program with committee members picking up seeds
 - Leo doing activities at Greene-Hills and South Side Schools
 - Planning a seed/planting activity at Family Fun Day
 - Little Read book, *Maisy Goes to the Eye Doctor*, has been ordered
 - Next meeting is May 14 at 2:00 on Zoom

- Governance – Sarah Holmes
 - No report
- Community Outreach – Donna Koser and Jennifer St. John
 - Yesenia did Spanish translation at statewide Parent Ambassador meeting this weekend, which was powerful for English speakers who experienced it “backwards”
 - The first of four surveys will be out soon and is for parents of children under age 6; 1st survey is about child care, and parents who complete it will receive \$10 gift card
 - Family Fun Day is June 29 with a rain date June 30, 2024; signs are available to promote
 - Planning a Community Café on the topic of children with special needs on June 22
 - Planning another event for parents about Kindergarten age change
 - People Empowering People (PEP) class is holding a community tag sale May 19th to raise money for The Agape House
 - Next Family Fun Day meeting is May 20 at TBD 18 at 10:00
- Infant and Toddler – Michelle Herens
 - Baby Shower was April 17th at the library
 - Maternal Mental Health event this Sunday is cancelled due to weather
 - Next meeting is May 21 at 1:30 on Zoom
- Transition to Kindergarten – Courtney Sugarman
 - As of April 1st, 252 students were registered for Kindergarten
 - 75 have requested the waiver for Kindergarten, and 56 were granted; remaining 19 may be assessed again in August
 - Time to Register media blitz in full swing
 - Pre-K teachers submitting Transition Summary Sheets to be shared with schools
 - Dine & Discuss being postponed until the fall
 - One Night, One Purpose on May 22nd from 5:30-6:30 at every elementary school, and the parent survey is being converted to a Google Form with a QR code to share with families
 - Next meeting is May 20 at 3:45 on Zoom
- **School Readiness Liaison Report – Donna Osuch**
 - Office of Early Childhood (OEC) and other Updates
 - Grant and contract extension due by May 3, 2024 see next section for votes
 - 4th Quarter COLA funds were paid
 - Local Updates
 - The 2024-2025 School Readiness Grant is due May 3, 2024
 - Donna reviewed the 2024-2025 School Readiness Grant required affirmations with Council members and reminded them to complete the Google Survey affirming their understanding of the: 1) SR Grant Overview and Description; 2) General Policy C-01; and, 3) Quality Enhancement Overview and Allowable Uses
 - School Readiness Council members voted to approve the following:
 - ***Motion by School Readiness Council member Siri Gilmore and seconded by Donna Koser, it was a unanimous vote to approve the Board of Education’s***

request for 149 PD/PY spaces for \$670,500 for FY 2025. Courtney Sugarman abstained.

- *Motion by School Readiness Council member Val Toner and seconded by Amber Lipscomb, it was a unanimous vote to approve the Bristol Child Development Center's request for 129 FD/FY spaces for \$1,354,500 for FY 2025. Maureen Eaton abstained.*
- *Motion by School Readiness Council member Siri Gilmore and seconded by Cecilia Garay, it was a unanimous vote to approve Imagine Nation, A Museum Early Learning Center's request for 119 FD/FY spaces for \$1,249,500 for FY 2025. Michelle Fangiuolo abstained.*
- *Motion by School Readiness Council member Jennifer St. John and seconded by Val Toner, it was a unanimous vote to approve Imagine Nation, A Museum Early Learning Center's request for 8 FD/FY Infant Toddler Expansion spaces for \$108,000 for FY 2025. Michelle Fangiuolo abstained.*

- Board of Finance will approve budget April 23rd, and then City Council will approve
- Kindergarten registration started February 1st, so please tell families to register as soon as possible. Even if they're waiting for their well-child visit, they should upload everything else now. Children registered by the last day of school will be entered into a raffle to be taken to their first day of Kindergarten on a fire truck.
- "One Night, One Purpose," an evening when every school hosts Kindergarten orientation is May 22nd at 5:30

- **Quality Enhancement Report:**

- The library is running a program June 5th with Quality Enhancement funding
- The Family Resource Center is presenting literacy enrichment at Imagine Nation and Bristol Child Development Center next week

- **Monitoring Visits Report**

- In April,
 - Edgewood Pre-Kindergarten Academy (EPKA) had 149/149 part day/part year spaces filled with wait list
 - Bristol Child Development Center (BCDC) had 121/129 full day/full year spaces filled and 56/56 CDC infant/toddler spaces filled
 - Imagine Nation, A Museum Early Learning Center (INMELC) had 119/119 full day/full year Pre-K spaces and 8/8 infant/toddler spaces filled with wait list for August enrollment

- **Resignations:** none

- **Appointments:** none

- **Old Business:** none

- **New Business:** none

- **Community Sharing:**

- Michelle shared that Imagine Nation is offering a resin and flower workshop May 9 for \$45

- Val shared that the Summer Reading Program starts at the Library in June, and that they'll also be a free lunch site for youth; there will be lots of activities going on every day
 - Maegan shared that Bristol Child Development Center has five summer camp spots for age Kindergarten and up
 - Donna Koser and Jenn shared information and the flyer about the survey for parents with children age 6 and younger
- **Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 1:00 PM.**

Next regular meeting date: June 5, 2024 in person and on Zoom

Respectfully Submitted,
Donna Osuch
School Readiness Liaison