

Plainville School Readiness Council (PSRC) Minutes

Date: Wednesday, March 26, 2014

Duration: 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Location: Toffolon School: Room 25

Attendees: Maureen Brummett, Donna Cavallaro, Carolyn Coughlin, Betty Mayer, Jill O'Brien, Christine Roy, Linda Van Wagenen, Anne Walsh
(Plus scholarship recipients and Lynn Davis, photographer)

- Maureen- Scholarship Awards: Distribution / Reception
 - Toni Cirillo: Pre-K Teacher at Plainville Day Care Center / scholarship will help fund Associates Degree from Tunxis Community College/ Early Childhood Education / nominated by: Betty Mayer
 - Kimberly-Jo McLaurin: Pre-K Teacher at YMCA / scholarship will help fund BS degree in Child Studies from Charter Oak State College / nominated by: Christine Roy
 - Mandy Meyer: Infant Teacher at YMCA / scholarship will help fund Associates Degree from Tunxis Community College/ Early Childhood Education / nominated by: Caitlyn Butkus
 - Jennifer Roberge*: Pre-K Teacher Plainville Day Care Center at Toffolon Elementary School / scholarship will help fund BS degree in Child Studies from Charter Oak State College / nominated by: Danielle Flaherty (**not present*)

- Betty / Donna - Family Fun Fest event coordination update
 - Activities:
 - 10-12 Trucks (touch a truck)
 - Inflatable slide
 - Interactive D.J.
 - Police-gear display, possible seat safety check / donation contest
 - Amazing Andy-magician
 - Mobile petting zoo
 - Booth participants: business / organization / education reps.
 - Child-friendly activities at each booth
 - Giveaways: string bag / book
 - Food vendors (pending)
 - Location
 - PHS- field trip planned to map-out / rear of PHS / not near Rt. 10
 - Advertising
 - Posters / vinyl street sign produced by David Gaignard

- Betty – School Readiness Program Update
 - Update / Re-Branding initiative
 - Plainville Day Care, name change: ***Plainville Early Learning Center***
 - Official web site
 - New logo
 - Professional video on town’s web site
 - Program initiatives
 - Space usage analysis (possible move back to Congregational church)
 - Expansion of school age program

- Donna – PFRN Update
 - Pilot program to be launched in May: SOARING (acronym) Eagles
 - Participation: invitation through written communication
 - Funding support by the Community Foundation of Greater New Britain
 - New PFRN position: job posted
 - PFRN will be represent programs at *The Superintendent’s Update and Informational Showcase* (4-1-14, PHS Caf. 6:30-8pm)
 - Stations representing initiatives / programs, such as: Full-day Kindergarten, Expansion of Pre-K, Chromebooks, Common Core State Standards, 21st Century Skills, Smarter Balanced Assessment, School Calendar update, school climate, student successes, 2014-15 Budget, Energy conservation, and renovation projects, with refreshments provided by PHS Culinary Department, and childcare available

- Anne/Betty-Liaison Report
 - New Governor’s Budget
 - 10 extra slots per program
 - Advertised action to be taken upon request
 - Expansion of Office of Early Childhood
 - 12% increase over the next few years for all state funded school readiness and child care centers
 - Supports universal pre-school by 2019
 - RFP
 - Linda will compare new/current for changes, such as budget codes, *and*:
 - Quality enhancement (ex. scholarship) is now embedded into grant
 - PSRC group consensus--funding: continue to support scholarship initiative and support Professional Development Consortium
 - Lesson plan/Bylaw review by PSRC prior to grant submission on May 25

- Maureen- Pre K Model
 - 20 slots per school, 60 total
 - 4 year olds (prior to January 1) for September start date
 - 5 days per week
 - Full day vs. ½ day discussion
 - Bus transportation
 - will address concern for seatbelts (DATCO meeting)
 - Grant inquiry for start-up supplies
 - Employment positions posted by late April
 - Screenings for placement
 - First priority placement: at-risk with options for all
- Anne
 - Continues screenings on regular schedule, will screen district-wide in May
 - Pre-registration for screening at table: *The Superintendent's Update and Informational Showcase* (4-1-14, PHS Caf. 6:30-8pm)
- Betty
 - Before and after Pre K school care options possible
 - Charge projected to remain the same
- Updates from the Field
 - Jill
 - Plainville Adult and Continuing Education Healthcare Programs: update
 - Pharmacy Technician Training program is running with 9 students
 - All programs will be advertised to run again in the fall

Next Meeting

- Wednesday, May 7
- 4pm-5pm
- Toffolon, Room 25

--Minutes respectfully submitted by Jill O'Brien