

Lisbon School Readiness Council

Meeting Minutes

Date: November 2, 2023

Present: Paula Gooslin, Scott Trepanier, Rebcca Overholt, Kathy Snyder, Theresa Svab

Parents: Kathryn Devgburn, Josh Cingraelli, Mallory Burrows

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 8:55 am by Kathy Synder

Approval of Minutes: The meeting minutes were approved by Paula Gooslin and seconded Theresa Savb

Family Updates: Scott announced that the School Readiness Council will be hosting a meet and greet for families tomorrow Friday November 3rd from 2:00-2:45 this will be an informal event for families to attend before the end of the school day. Snacks and juice will be provided for parents who attend and is open to both morning and afternoon families there will also be a short overview of what the school readiness council is . This year it was decided to host in the afternoon since the following year it had been a breakfast. There is a hope to host a breakfast in the spring for families to attend also.

Monitoring / OEC updates: Paula had the pleasure of spending this past Friday here . Paula spent some time observing Mrs. Overholt's morning classroom. Paula had nothing but wonderful things to say about this classroom. The children were engaged in play in extended amounts of time. Staff were sitting on the floor engaged with students and individualizing to meet the needs of the students. I was also able to review the lesson plans from Ms. Kinmonth's class which reflected parent involvement with parents attending a field trip to the apple orchard. I will observe Ms. Kinmonth's classroom on January 26th for our winter monitoring visit.

Updates from the Office of Early Childhood are that they will continue to pay NAEYC'S fee till 2026 at this time. Paula shared with the council that The Office of Early Childhood would be covering NAEYC fees till June 2026.

Quality Components:

Nutrition

One of the quality components of the grant is looking at nutrition needs of the children enrolled in the program. The program encourages families to send in healthy meal choices for children. One way that we can do this is by sending home a nutritional survey to families. The surveys were sent home at the beginning of the school year in the registration packet. It a recommendation for staff to review and to please follow up with any families that may be need

of food assistance and connecting to them to services that are provided from the school and communities

Another quality component of the grant is the program ensures that children with disabilities are included in the program.

Special Education

School Readiness classrooms are required to be general education programs and should strive to enroll a natural proportion of children with disabilities, as determined by the K-12 special education percentage. In this program, all children with IEPs are in Rebecca Overholt's classroom as she has special ed certification. The School Readiness Program, and the school district's special education personnel collaborate to plan a program best suited to meet the goals in the IEP in the least restrictive environment.

Child Care Needs

One function of the Council is to monitor the community needs. The program currently only offers part-day spaces although several children are in attendance for full days. This something we should be monitoring especially with the changes to the Kindergarten entrance age changes.

Coming Events/News/Updates:

Program Updates: Rebecca provided an update that the PTO hosted a trick or trunk event for families on Friday and had over 500 participants. Rebecca herself had decorated a trunk to participate in the fun.

Adult Education: No update at this time.

School Nurse: No update at this time.

Town Library: No update at this time.

Classroom Teachers:

Lisbon Schools: Rebecca shared that both her and Ms. Kinmonth's class both had field trips last week to Holmberg apple orchards. Rebecca's class went on Wednesday October 25 while Ms. Kinmonth's class attended on Friday October 27th. Rebecca stated that this was a lovely experience for both children and families. She stated that it was nice to be out in the community again. The children had the opportunity to go on wagon rides, washed apples, saw tractors, and learned about tree bark and lavender also. Kathryn stated that her mother had gone on the trip and had a wonderful time.

Health Department: No update at this time.

McKinney -Vento: No update at this time.

Fiscal Update: Scott updated the council the school readiness grant allows them to provide teacher professional development, right now the preschool program is working with Anne Marie Davidson from EASTCONN to provide staff training on social emotional development to help children develop problem solving skills. These training will be taking place in the afternoon on district wide half days. On October 7th (election day) early childhood staff will be participating in 1st aid and CPR training and also PMT training. The preschool staff has also welcomed a new member to the staff.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 9:23 by Kathy Synder and seconded by Paula Gooslin

Respectfully Submitted

Paula Gooslin

SR. Liaison

These minutes are unofficial until approved at the next School Readiness Council Meeting