

Lisbon School Readiness Council

Meeting Minutes

Date: January 4, 2024

Present: Paula Gooslin, Scott Trepanier, Courtney Kinmonth, Kathy Snyder, Patrick McCormack, Holly Smelser,

Parents: Mallory Ducharme, Jaimee Brodeur

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

Approval of Minutes: The meeting minutes were approved by Courtney Kinmonth and seconded by Scott Trepanier. It was noted that a spelling correction was needed for Kathy Snyder's last name and Paula Gooslin was to make that correction be for submitting them for the website.

Family Updates:

Meet & Greet: Scott provided an update from the Meet & Greet that was held on Friday November 3rd. There was a great turn out of families. Scott stated that it was a nice time for families to get to know each other and to share about what the children are enjoying about the program. It was also a wonderful opportunity for families to learn a little more about the program. The hope is to hold another family event in the spring/ end of the school year!

Monitoring / OEC updates: Paula shared that her next monitoring visit will be on Friday January 26th at 9:00 am in Ms. Kimonth's classroom.

Paula shared that there have been some wording changes to some school readiness guidelines and policies and the council needs to review the current bylaws to ensure that the wording reflects that of new changes. Paula and Scott are planning on looking over these changes on January 26th and will share whatever changes are needed with the school readiness council at our next meeting on March 7th for approval.

Quality Components:

Develop a plan for professional development for staff: Scott stated that teachers have been working with Anne Marie Davidson from EASTCONN to receive professional development training on the pyramid model. They have also been provided with materials that they are able to share with the paraprofessionals in the classroom to help everyone have a better understanding of what to look for while assessing children's development. The school readiness grant is being used to pay for this training for staff. The staff is also working with Teresa Surprenant from EASTCONN, Teresa is helping staff with their development of lesson

plans, use of technology in the classroom. The school is using another grant that they have received to pay for this training for teachers.

Coming Events/News/Updates:

Adult Education: None at this time

School Nurse: The Uncas Health Department offered flu shots for staff this past fall and it was a very successful partnership. The Uncas Health Department also offered flu shots to preschoolers. Information about this was sent home to families also to make them aware. Very few children in preschool did not receive a flu shot and those who did not are not attending at this time in accordance with the state guidelines. The Lions club provided vision screenings and referral were sent home one week after the screening. This was a huge help to the school nurse. Hearing screenings were completed in November with the help of a substitute nurse who came to help. Before winter break the nurse reported on seeing colds and a few cases of RSV and a higher amount of pink eye. The parents were wonderful in picking up and following school health and wellness guidelines. It was also asked if the isolation room was still being used. The nurse stated that it has been used a time or two where she had suspected a child might have Covid.

Town Library: None at this time

Classroom Teachers: Ms. Kinmonth shared an update on the classroom. A volunteer made mittens for each of the preschoolers. This is something that is done yearly. The volunteer has already begun making them for next year. Gingerbread bears have been sent home with children for them to work on at home to create disguises and to bring back to school for a classroom display. The children are also learning about hibernation and have a bear that is hibernating in the classroom. The children are having a lot of fun with this activity and are looking forward to going on a bear hunt around the school in spring to find their class bear!

Lisbon Schools: PTO held a Breakfast with Santa where staff were able to volunteer. It is estimated that about 300 people attend. There is also a Dance for families coming up shortly.

Health Department: The health department was at the Lisbon center today (January 4th 2024) administering the flu shot and if anyone was in need they were welcome to come. Patrick shared with the council updated information concerning a drop-in lead levels which might cause us to see more children affected by lead levels. Please feel free to connect these families

to the school nurse who is able to connect them to resources with Uncas Health. Repairs caused by lead in the home can be quite costly to families; they may also need to look in to HUD LOANS.

McKinney -Vento: None at this time

Fiscal Update: Scott shared that he had made revision of grant line items. He moved money to pay for expenses towards field trips to the Jewett city library for an upcoming field trip. Country shared that on this field trip the librarian would read the children a story and then allow time for children to explore in the library. Parents would be welcome to attend this field trip. This is a trip that has been done in the past and has always been successful.

The next field trip is to The Blue Slope Farm in Franklin. On this trip children will take a tractor ride, read stories, see a puppet show in the barn and learn about farming. Teachers are also planning to spend about two weeks learning about farming in the classroom before attending this trip, parents will be welcomed to attend.

Some of the funds were also used to cover the expenses from the meet and greet in the fall and the event being planned for spring/ end of the school year.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 9:26 by Kathy Snyder and seconded by Scott Trepanier

Respectfully Submitted

Paula Gooslin

SR. Liaison

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