

## **Lisbon School Readiness Council**

Meeting Minutes

Date: 3/7/24

**Present:** Paula Gooslin , Becky Overholt, Scott Trepanier

**Parents:** Mallory Ducharme

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 8:50 by Paula Gooslin

**Approval of Minutes:** The meeting minutes from January were approved by Becky Overholt and seconded by Scott Trepainer.

**Family Engagement:** Scott shared that the program is going to start planning a spring meet and greet for families once we get past spring break. They are hoping for a good stretch of nice weather.

**Liaison Report/ OEC updates:** The office of early childhood has announced that this will not be a new grant year. They will be extending the current grants from this year. It does mean that we will keep the 34 spots that we currently have but will not be able to apply for any additional spots. The office of early childhood has also announced that there will be changes to the guidelines to full and part time care that will affect the program here at Lisbon school. Existing Part Day spaces, funded by another source such as a head start, or the Board of education unless that are in a priority school readiness district which Lisbon is not may receive school readiness funding as an extended day program in those priority school readiness communities only. Scott shared this information with the school board at the past meeting. The plan for next school year at this time is to offer both an AM and PM school readiness. The children will only be allowed to attend one session. Update suggestions for the policies handbook were given to Scott for the school to review before moving forward; they are still being reviewed and will hopefully have an update for the next meeting in May.

**Monitoring:** Paula had the pleasure of observing Miss Kinmonth's classroom on Tuesday February 6th which also happens to be the 100th day of school. Miss Kinmonth had a variety of engaging activities planned throughout the day to help create a day of meaningful and fun learning for the children. The next monitoring visit will be on Tuesday April 16th for an afternoon observation in Mrs. Overholt's afternoon class.

**Council Membership:** Paula suggested that the council start thinking about ideas to engage more parents in the school readiness council for the coming school year.

**Quality Components:** This is a wonderful time of year to start thinking about how we will help families with the transition into kindergarten for the next school year. Becky shared that in the past the children have spent time in the kindergarten classrooms which are across the hall and that the program offers an ice cream social for families to attend to meet teachers.

**Coming Events/News/Updates:**

Program Updates/ Lisbon School: The school has sent out information to families in the community about the upcoming changes to kindergarten in the fall. Families will need to fill out a waiver if they would like their child to enter kindergarten at an early age . This information was sent to families via email and was also posted in the Norwich Bulletin. The waiver is due back to the school by March 28th 2024. The preschool will also be hosting a pre kindergarten screening on Thursday April 4th from 9:00-11:00 families must register for an appointment.

Adult Education: No updates at this time.

School Nurse: No updates at this time.

Town Library: No update at this time.

Classroom Teachers: The classrooms are planning for two field trips by the end of the school year one to the Slater Library and one to the Blue Slope Country Museum. The classroom teachers are both still receiving coaching from Teresa Surprenant from EASTCONN. The team is finding this to be helpful and looking forward to Teresa's visits. Becky also shared that she attended an online special education training that was designed for preschool teachers and found it to be helpful and is excited for the next training.

Health Department: No updates at this time.

McKinney -Vento: No update at this time.

Fiscal Update: No update at this time.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 by Paula Gooslin and seconded by Scott Trepanier

Respectfully Submitted

Paula Gooslin

SR. Liaison

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