

Lisbon School Readiness Council

Meeting Minutes

Date:1/22/2025

Present: Paula Gooslin, Kathy Snyder, , Megan Processor, Theresa Svab, Jonathan Paradis,Sally Keating

Google Meet: Christopher Sheldon, Patrick McCormick

Parents: N/A

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 8:52 am by Co-Chair Kathy Snyder who also facilitated the meeting.

Approval of Minutes: Kathy moved to approve the minutes from the September 12,2024 meeting Thesresa approved and is seconded by Jonathan . All members approved.

Update on Policy Handbook: The program will be waiting to make any changes to the policy handbook at this time however they will check to make sure that the most up to date version is available on the school website. Further changes will be made to reflect early start policies.

Grant Updates: The program submitted the recent RFA-A grant and applied for 51 spots and is waiting for approval.

Budget Updates: At our next meeting Jonathan will share updates on grant expenditures to date.

OEC Updates: Paula shared information about the blue ribbon panel and the hope of Early Start Connecticut <https://www.ctoec.org/how-early-start-works/>. The second round of grant applications is set to be released in January. This round will be open to programs who already receive school readiness funding, and new programs that would like to apply for state funding including family child care providers.

- <https://www.ctoec.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/oec-early-start-deck-october-2024-english.pdf> I have also added in the meeting minutes and will add the link to the chat is information about the change of school readiness councils making the move to Local Govenance Partenershihps. These partnerships might be with surrounding towns or the town may be able to stand alone as a LGP. The council would no longer be making budget decisions; it is the understanding at this time that those decisions would be

made by the OEC and the OEC would be paying the programs directly, not through eMGS. The council did have questions about how this might run and if there would be any impact on their current spaces. Paula explained that although this is new for the state the goal of this program is to help create a partnership for families and to expand involvement for community resources.

Monitoring visit: Today Paula will be reviewing two weeks of lesson plans and observing in the pm classrooms.

Quality Components: Paula spoke about the 11 quality components that the grant requires the program to meet. This is a wonderful time of year to check in on staff progress towards meeting the 15 hours of required school readiness professional development. Staff will be sending professional development to this point for Paula to review.

- **Coming Events/News/Updates:**

Adult Education: No update at this time.

School Nurse: Theresa shared that the program has completed both vision and hearing screenings and results have been shared with families. The program has also reached out to Wal-Mart vision to help assist families whose child may be indeed of glasses. All flu shots are up to date. The program had lots of success sending this reminder home in the weekly school newsletter and calling to remind families.

Town Library: A flyer will be sent out with information for Bring your child to the Library day on February 1st. There is also a January calendar of events available from the library. Becky from the library did try to attend but was unable to due to technical issues.

Classroom Teachers: Classrooms have been adjusting to coming back from winter break and in Megan's classroom the children are engaged in a unit about Pets.

Lisbon Schools: Parent teacher conferences were a huge success. There is an upcoming talent show on March 6th and an awards celebration planned.

Health Department: Patrick shared the mobile food pantry was cancelled today due to cold weather. The health department has updated it's newsletter you can sign up here <https://uncashd.org/> you can also find many resources available on the website. They have covid, and radon test available in the office. They will also be starting a virtual tobacco support program and are planning CRP and basic stop the bleed training.

McKinney -Vento: No updates at this time.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 am. Thank you all for attending.

Respectfully Submitted

Paula Gooslin

SR. Liaison

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