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Regular Meeting
Vernon School Readiness Council
October 6, 2021
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Draft Minutes

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VSRC Mission: To ensure that every child in Vernon will start school ready to learn

I. Welcome and Introductions

All present introduced themselves: Michelle Hill, Anna Figueroa, Joan was with us for the last time. She explained that the FRC position would be posted very soon. In the meantime, Telea would be providing oversight. Allison is picking up the play groups. All wished Joan well as she takes some time for herself and her family.

II. Review and Approval of draft minutes for 9/8/21

- Review of draft minutes from September – no questions or discussion
- Request for motion to accept as presented (Joan made motion- Maryssa seconded-All were in favor)
- September Minutes- approved

III. School Readiness Grant

A. School Readiness Supplemental Administrative funding

These funds are to be used to enhance our monitoring process. Anna continues to work on fine tuning as more information gets clarified and current priorities and program requirements are defined.

B. Program Monitoring- Status Update

Anna is currently working with programs to set visits.

C. Quality Enhancement

Programs were reminder to have teachers sign up by Oct. 15th. There will be extra ... Memberships...Anna encouraged folks to reach out to us if they someone they think could benefit. Additionally, Anna explained that we will be working on updating our website, it will include a "Parent Corner" and free Conscious Discipline clips will be uploaded on a regular basis

IV. Program Updates

Shelley McCone provided an update for VPS on the below topics.

A. Accreditation update

Shelley reported that teachers have been preparing for an accreditation visit, including preparation of their classroom portfolios and that she has been preparing the administrative portfolio. A visit should be scheduled within the next month , some time before ThanksGiving.

B. Program Enrollment

The 32-half day, part time school readiness slots located at Vernon Public Schools are currently fully enrolled

C. Challenges and Need

Shelley shared that there may be a need to combine 3 and 4 year old's, because there are a growing number of 3 year old's that have been identified as eligible for preschool services.

Strengthening Local Early Childhood Collaboration- Vernon's Better Together Initiative

D. Positions

Data Collection

Michelle shared that one of the data points we are looking to affect through the Vernon's Better Together Initiative is the diversity of the VSRC membership. Council members are asked to please report their race and ethnicity as part of this data collection.

Parent Ambassador

Michelle reported that we still have openings for 2 Parent Ambassador positions. Interested parents can apply by going on the Town of Vernon website under Employment opportunities.

Assistant Coordinator

Michelle shared that we are in the hiring process for an Assistant Coordinator to assist Anna in the Vernon's Better Together Initiative and will hopefully have someone hired by the end of October.

E. Status Update

Michelle shared that we have begun Continuous Quality Improvement training as part of the Vernon's Better Together project, specifically looking at how our systems are set up to be parent friendly. A walk-through exercise showed large opportunities to strengthen and update Youth Services and School Readiness websites

V. Partner Updates:

Partner Updates were shared.

The next meeting VSRC meeting is scheduled for 11/3/21

Submitted by:

Michelle Hill