



Regular Meeting  
Vernon School Readiness Council  
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Fully Virtual  
October 5, 2022  
1:00pm  
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

Present: Ruth Sales, Shelley McCone, Kara Morse, Cynthia Zingler, Allison Altieri, Michelle Hill, Anna Figueroa

New Participants: Jen Motta, Angelica Heron, and Jasmynn Ariel

II. Review and Approval of draft minutes for 6/1/22

Michelle noted a name correction she made. Allison made the motion to accept. Kara seconded.

All in favor. Minutes approved.

III. Meeting logistics, dates and times for the coming year

Open discussion. Members agreed to continue current schedule of meetings through December.

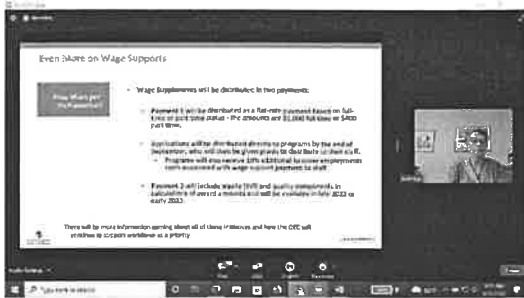
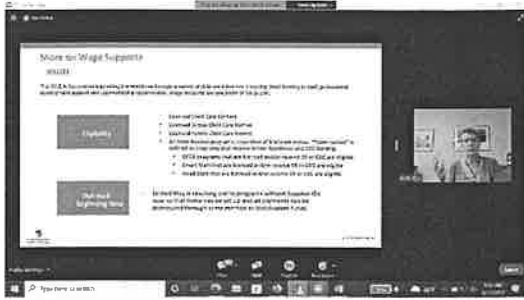
Starting 2023 meetings will take place every other month, on the first Wednesday, beginning in

February (February, April, June, October and December). All meetings will continue to be

provided virtually with the intention of planning a couple in person. Kara offered the library as a

central location to meet. Every other meeting will be offered later in the day (6:30 or 7:00) to





V. Nominations and elections for School Readiness Chairperson

Michelle provided information on the new legislative requirement that the SRC Chair be an elected position. In the past this has been the Superintendents designee (which has been Michelle). You may nominate yourself or others. Michelle opened the floor for questions. Nomination must be submitted to Anna via email by October 21<sup>st</sup>.

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

A. Status update: Much work was done by the VBT team to get the community survey out to families and engage them in completion. A focus was on lessening barriers and providing means to complete (ex. 1 on 1)

- At this point Angelica Heron from Capital Workforce Partners CWP introduced herself. Vernon Youth Services and CWP have worked together and will continue to work together on the summer youth program.
- Jen Motta also introduced herself as the new Child Care Director for Indian Valley YMCA.

- B. Parent update-no discussion
- C. Idea Boardz- remains open- no discussion

<https://ideaboardz.com/for/Birth%20to%205%20System/4318866>

VII. Program Updates

- A. Program Enrollment
- B. Program Highlights
- C. Challenges and Need

VIII. Partner Updates

VPS: 155 students total, 32 at Center Road School (SR slots-Full), 3 receiving speech services

19 Birth to Three in pipeline

174 potential children to be served

Family Fall Day Scavenger Hunt being planned. This will be a program wide event targeted at keeping connections alive – rekindling friendships. Arts and craft will be provided.

Challenge: OEC registry. Shelley has reached out to Margaret Westwood and hopes to get everything (including the addition of NE School) in the system and accurate.

“Y”: 14 of 18 SR slots are full. They are the first slots to be filled. Jen is hopeful the remaining 4 will be filled within the month. Cynthia noted she would pass along families.

Challenges: Staff- getting qualified applicants

Of note: There were technical difficulties during this meeting. Michelle will have these resolved by next meeting.

Submitted by: Anna Figueroa, SR Liaison