

PECC Council Minutes

9/20/22

*Attendees: Melissa K.(CTFSN), Donna F.(SR Liaison), Jessica A., Becky J., Alicia, Lori B.,Dianna(Pediatric Audiology), Beth A.

*Recap from 2021-2022; Positives were in-person meetings that met regularly. We were able to pack a lot of information into the short time we had. New grants to support our programming.

Changes were made in QE money that would benefit both SR programs. Grant to support enrichment for both sites.

*Expenditure report; Donna F. will follow up with Michelle to review funds spent and sign off. Discussion on COLA which TLC received. There is a legislative push for SR to increase rate of pay. They have not seen an increase since 2015. OEC each program receives COLA from individual agencies. Monies have been targeted for paying staff a one-time bonus of up to \$1,000 pp.and will extend beyond classroom staff.

*Monitoring; Donna F. received coaching from Sue Vivian over the summer. As she attends classrooms, feedback and support will be offered, using a strength-based tool.

*SR sliding fee scale; Families who qualify for SR slots will be charged based on % of income. They consider this to be equity based and will take effect Oct 1, 2022. Families will be given 30 days notice. Low income programs could potentially lose \$ from families and concern for families who will receive and increase, may not be able to afford. These families may complete a hardship form to be approved by SR council.

*Kindergarten transition team; Lori B. Wrote a grant and was awarded by Thomaston Savings Bank to support K Transition teams work. Working hard to resurrect this subcommittee that collaborated on two literacy nights for families with young children. The grant will allow for stipends for teachers (\$75 per event) to participate in these literacy events. Also, will provide funds for supplies. The goal is to organize a fall and spring literacy event. The transition committee has scheduled their first meeting Oct 12, 2022 @ 3:30pm at PCS.

*Enrichment QE fund use; \$3,800 in the budget. Some ideas include; Visit from the Indian Rock Turkeys for November. Mystic Aquarium in spring, Imagination Museum, The Bug Man.

*Bylaw update and website; Will send information to admin for site update and bylaws will be scanned and uploaded as well.