

Griswold School Readiness Council Meeting

Wednesday, May 15th @ 9am

Griswold Elementary School (also available on online)

In attendance: Stephanie Cote, Debbie Poirer, Heather Lunny, Alyssa Hancock, Jenna Motta, Katy Sawaryn, Joe Bordeau, Sean McKenna, and Jaselyn Caviness.

Agenda

- Welcome and introductions with members in attendance.
- Program Updates:
 - The Little Log School House
 - Little Log had a walk through with Rich Campbell for their gardening project. They have been exploring with live tadpoles to frogs. The program is planning a preschool graduation theme with a literacy focus. A literacy bag will be provided giving students a summer reading log and a book.
 - Griswold Early Education Program
 - GEEP had a fabulous staff appreciation week in the week prior. There has been a focus this month on author study with Doreen Cronin. Students have been learning about ponds and frogs. GEEP is joining the Art show this year with Mrs. Appleton's K-4 art show. The Scholastic Book Fair is this week, including a farm field trip at the end of the month, and their end of year picnic at Owen Bell Park on June 3rd. There will be a Pre-K promotional ceremony at the end of year. More details to follow and invitations to Board of Education members will be sent.
 - TVCCA Little Learners
 - TVCCA has a staff appreciation week this past week. The students have been engaged in a habitat study. The new playground is 99% complete. At this time they are waiting to move the shed off the parking lot and will have a licensing inspection tomorrow. The lock on gate will be there until certificate of occupancy is granted and after the ribbon cutting ceremony. The TVCCA program will have access from 7am-5pm. The public will not be granted access during these program hours. Crosswalk striping will be added for a crosswalk from the building to the new playground.

- All liaison visits are complete, forms, etc for all programs.
- RFA updates
 - Jaselyn will get information from the state in fall to submit for spring.
 - Budget update- Referendum is on June 4th at Town Hall. We need to get people out to vote. Mr. McKenna will be working with PTOs and other organizations to get word out to residents to vote.
- Preschool screening updates
 - Screenings are complete with placements that are being worked on. There are some program restructuring changes happening within the GEEP program with the needs of the program/students.
 - TVCCA does not have many slots available in the fall at this time.
 - Little Log's slots are all full.
- Transition to Kindergarten updates/ideas
 - A committee will be developed next year with programs and kindergarten teachers to facilitate transitioning our students from preschool programming to kindergarten.
 - Meet and Greet- Popsicles on the playground maybe at the end of next year as a transitional plan idea.
 - With using QE funds programs, programs will purchase the transition to K packet for this year.
- Thoughts on meetings next year
 - Virtual option is still something members would like to have as an option for participation
 - Timing of the meeting seemed to work well for members.
 - To help in the growth of parents on the School Readiness Council an idea was shared that we could ask one parent per room to represent at each meeting or have a rotation throughout the year.
- Community Roundtable/summer events
 - There were none shared at this time.