

## **Town of Griswold**

### **Griswold School Readiness Council Meeting**

Wednesday, April 17th at 9:00am

Griswold Elementary School

(also available on online)

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

#### **Agenda**

- Welcome and introductions.
- Program Updates:
  - The Little Log School House provided some updates related to their curriculum including life cycles of Butterflies and frogs. The program has assembled a new shed on the property. Little Log was able to purchase some curriculum materials with School Readiness funding which all the children are very excited about. Rich Campbell is assisting with gardening projects along the perimeter of the fence and in gardening beds. The children are very excited to observe and tend to their gardens.
  - Griswold Early Education Program will be holding their last screening this Friday (4/19) with at this point 2 slots open. Slater Library will not be able to attend this one, but Little Log, TVCCA, and Wolverines Forward Pre-K program will be attending. The program's Unit of Study has focused on Helpers in the community with a Fire Department visit this past week. There is also a Kids Invite Someone Special on April 29th with Nature Walk. They have focused on the season of Spring including the life cycles of both ladybugs and butterflies. Preschool students are beginning to learn more about the character trait of courage. The GEEP program is planning a preschool to kindergarten promotion ceremony, author visit, and end of year celebration. Pre-K will be joining the Art Show with the help of Kate Appleton with Murals by Faith added to the show.
  - TVCCA Little Learners- The program has focused on lifecycles and their butterflies were recently released. The program celebrated the Week of the Young Child the week before spring break. The new infant/toddler/ preschool playground is under construction with 1 week into the groundbreaking work. The program is planning a ribbon cutting ceremony after completion. All of the lead staff are in training today (4/17) on How to have Difficult Conversations with Sue Vivian.

- Preschool screening check-in/updates. Last screening went well with all children and programs. Lions Vision were able to do vision screening and will be at the next one on Friday. The layout of the space for the community screening will place School Readiness Programs and Wolverines Forward Pre-K programs at the start and will make sure staff introduce all programs as families sign in.
- RFA updates/questions. Application to be reviewed and signed by programs and then reviewed by SR liaison. QE will be resent out for next school year. Programs discussed planning for the remainder of the SR funds.
- Community Roundtable
  - Slater Library- Summer programs flyers to be posted and distributed. Programs can email [slaterlibrary@yahoo.com](mailto:slaterlibrary@yahoo.com) if they would like further communication. There will be a Slater Library Yard Sale (4/27) and Kick off for Summer Reading Program in June.
  - Sean McKenna shared the Griswold Board of Ed Budget Update with a cut from the Board of Finance meeting yesterday. He shared some important dates with the Public Hearing on April 30th and the Town Referendum on June 4th. Stakeholders are encouraged to look on the GPS website for more important information about the school budget.
  - Kindergarten Screening & Registration is open and families are encouraged to sign up using the google form hyperlinked on the website and QR code created on flyers distributed. Screening will be held on May 24th in the afternoon. Those who were not yet screened who applied for the waiver for early entry, will be screened on May 24th. Those families with a child born after September 1st to December 31st must complete both the early entrance to kindergarten waiver application and be screened to be considered for a kindergarten placement. More information can be found on the GPS website. Programs will discuss Pre-K to Kindergarten transitioning with programs/classroom visits and observations.

**Next meeting will be on Wednesday, May 15 at 9:00am at GES.**

Meeting adjourned by Jaselyn Caviness at 9:46am.

*Minutes Recorded by: Jenna Motta, GEEP Parent and GES Kindergarten Teacher*