

Griswold School Readiness Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 16th @ 9am

Griswold Elementary School (also available on online)

Agenda

Called to order by Jaselyn Caviness at 9:02am.

- Welcome and introductions

In attendance: Jaselyn Caviness, Heather Lunny, Debbi Porier, Stephanie Cote, Alyssa Hancock, Deb Martin, Katy Swaryn, Jenna Motta, and Phil Michel.

- Program Updates:

- The Little Log School House

- Little Log had a Dancing to a Different Beat program. The team is focusing on all things fall including apples and baby animals. They have also been focused on numbers and counting. The staff were medication administration trained in September.
- Griswold Early Education Program is focusing on the season of fall and five senses this month. They went on a mini fall nature walk and have had gross motor movement groups with Ms. Tracey. The program participated in the Best Day Ever with the PTO as a school wide fundraiser. Totally Terrific Me books were created and shared and also created at home will be the Disguise a Pumpkin once again. There will be a field trip to Preston Corn Maze on 10/31. GEEP will be starting a lending library with a focus on literacy and math and families can volunteer to sign out these library packs. Children will be able to start borrowing books from the school library in the next few weeks. Next month the classrooms will focus on Healthy Eating/Exercising.

- TVCCA Little Learners
 - The program also focused on all things related to fall including a fall festival for families with a nature walk. They also did apple taste testing. All staff were medication trained.

- Early Start Ct. Updates and Discussion- Early Start will encompass Head Start, School Readiness, with a local governance similar to the council already in place. There will be some more information to come about what this will look for in this community. RFA will come out at the end of October and will hopefully know what the council will look like with how many seats and how much funding for each seat.

- Dates and Times for 2024/2025 SRC meetings
 - Nov, Jan, March, May (Wed at 9:00am) 3rd Wednesday

- Community Roundtable/upcoming events
 - Youth and Family Services- Spooktopia this Saturday 19th from 6-8pm. Holiday Helpers will be starting up soon with school counselors reaching out and programs outside of GES will receive information including the library for homeschooling families. Those receiving assistance will need to prove residency in Griswold/Jewett City.
 - Slater Library- new email address info@slaterlibraryct.org, director@slaterlibraryct.org, distribution list to be updated soon.
 - Kit bags- phonics, geometry, interactive games, can take out with library card
 - Story trail to be con
 - Baby and Me- Tuesdays at 9:30- Nov 26th
 - Toddler Storytime Tuesdays at 10:30
 - Wee Friday Playgroup at 11am
 - Soft space in the children's library- wipeable soft area purchased with grant Power of Together

- Oct 28- Halloween Lego Day
- Disguise a Gingerbread Boy or Girl during November
- Flyers will be sent in the distribution list from the library.

Other items:

- Kindergarten New Age Requirement to be discussed when more information is coming.
- Kindergarten Transition to be discussed in January
- Energy Assistance- October 1st, can apply in person or online, electric and oil

Meeting adjourned at 9:46am by Jaselyn Caviness.

Meeting minutes recorded and respectfully submitted by Jenna Motta, GEEP Parent and GES Kindergarten Teacher.