

Griswold School Readiness Council Meeting

Wednesday, November 20th @ 9am

Griswold Elementary School (also available on online)

In attendance: Jaselyn Caviness, Katy Sawaryn, Deb Martin, Terry, Heather Lunny, Deb Poirer Jenna Motta, Phil Michel, Alyssa Hancock, Joe Bordeau, and Stephanie Cote.

Agenda

- Welcome and introductions.

- Program Updates:
 - The Little Log School House had a Firehouse visit to their program. Their program has been in contact with ECCP for some behavioral health and general classroom support with the age group.

 - Griswold Early Education Program had their fall conferences in person and over the phone with 100% parent participation. The program's focus is on Germs and Keeping Clean in November. They will have a visit from Judy Jones with a focus on physical exercise using Hula Hoops. There will be fun Gingerbread activities throughout December and a Kids Invite Someone Special with a special Mitten Performance. There will also be another visit during this time from Heather with Wild Over Wildlife and she will be bringing a new animal. In the winter the program will focus on winter animals as well. The PT, Ms. Tracey runs motor groups two times a month. In Foundations, they are working on the letter G and working on daily signing in their name.

 - TVCCA Little Learners had fall conferences with some of them virtually held. The program is working with Operation Warmth and Tommy Toy Fund this year to support families. They are working on numbers, snow, and letters.

- Early Start Ct. Updates and Discussion. A packet provided to the liaison explaining this process was distributed to the council. The understanding right now is that at the state level, each program will need to apply for an RFA. Programs should have received or will be receiving an email on how to sign in and get into the account. One application is needed for each program. Liaison can support the program, but cannot apply for the program. GPS can apply as a Local Governance Partner if this is something that they are interested in doing to support other towns/programs in this capacity or they may choose to join another Local Governance Partner. This will be competitive funding for slots for any additional slots that are requested after the slots each program already held in the previous year. There will be more information to come about the rollout. The OEC will have open forums and liaison meetings to discuss these changes.
- Community Roundtable/upcoming events including Holiday Helpers with the Youth Center. GES and programs will look further into a Coat Drive and Tommy Toy Fun for next year. Youth Center also reported that Basketball just started with travel tryouts soon. The Snowflake Parade is also this Saturday.

Meeting minutes recorded and respectfully submitted by Jenna Motta, GEEP parent and Kindergarten Teacher/Team Leader.