

Griswold School Readiness Council Meeting

Wednesday, April 30th 9am @ GES
Griswold Elementary School (also available on online by request)

Agenda

- Welcome and introductions
 - Deb Martin, Joseph Bordeau, Heather Lunny, Jenna Motta, Jaselyn Caviness, Katy Sawaryn, Melissa Brady, Alyssa Hancock, Kayla Hedman, and Deb Poirer.

- ESCT updates
 - RFA B- At the beginning of May, programs should hear back about their acceptance. TVCCA did apply.
 - Transition Grant: This grant has been approved and was received to assist with the transition from Council to LGP, staff, branding, swag, etc.
 - LGP intermediary named as Shine Early Learning.
 - Still no further information on the LGP application. Griswold will still plan to apply as its own LGP.

- LGP transition and development
 - [Guidelines for transition](#)
 - See the document as a rough draft.
 - We are still looking for clarification of the QE funds.
 - Job descriptions are not yet clarified at this point.
 - The council will look to apply for this additional grant called the LGP Transition Grant B. There was some discussion around providing some support to the council from outside agencies/contractors with this second transition grant. Deb Poirer and Jaselyn Caviness/Katy Sawaryn will reach out to some individual contractors to help support this work. Council members will look at several proposals from programs/contractors and will

evaluate these proposals as to the needs of the LGP throughout this transition.

- [Membership for LGP](#)
 - Council members reviewed and will look to fill the various roles required of the council/LGP.
- The council will need to think about creating a plan if we are not selected as LGP or are encouraged to combine with others. This will be discussed further once there is further direction from the state.
- Preschool screening check-in
 - How does everyone's enrollment look for next year?
 - Community Screening was successful, and programs are filling slots for the next school year.
 - Programs will need to show full ESCT slots by July 1st for both private and public schools.
- Kindergarten screening and transition check-in
 - May 23rd is Kindergarten screening. May 1st was the deadline for waiver applications for early entry. Those who completed the application will be screened on this day. Those who are already age-eligible will also be screened.
 - Transition packets to be distributed to programs. Melissa Brady will work on distributing and will order planning for next year's
- Program Updates:
 - The Little Log School House
 - The state inspection went well. Some staff attended the CTEY conference. The program is working on their kindergarten transition, graduation, and hiring of a new preschool teacher.
 - Griswold Early Education Program
 - The program is focusing on spring, books by Eric Carle, and will be moving into books by Doreen Cronin. Celebrated the week of

the Young Child by painting of canvas, painting the inclusiveness Rock, and participating in the WOYC parade. Preschool hosted an Art Show that aligned with the dates of the K-4 art show. The program has completed the two community screenings this spring. The program continues to hold motor groups with Ms. Tracey.

- TVCCA Little Learners

The program has focused on life cycles, The Week of the Young Child, recycling, and Earth Day. They have been working on vocabulary, including building their sight word bank of words. The program will be celebrating on the morning of May 7th, “A Day without Childcare,” where local legislators, community members will join together to advocate in favor of passing bills to support quality early childhood education throughout the state. This will be held at TVCCA in New London. The program also celebrated Teacher Appreciation Week.

- Community Roundtable and upcoming events
 - None at this time.

Respectfully recorded and submitted by Jenna Motta (GEEP Parent and Kindergarten Teacher)