**Torrington Early Childhood Collaborative (TECC) Education Workgroup Meeting Minutes**

Meeting held on January 9th, 2017. Meeting was called to order at 12:07 p.m. Minutes from the last meeting were reviewed and approved unanimously with a motion from Deb Collins, seconded by Kathryn Reinert.

In attendance: Tim Waldron/City of Torrington, Paula Gajewski/TPS, Kathryn Reinert/TPS Torringford, Molly Sexton-Read, Elizabeth Rhodes, Jan Sosnicki/Hilltop Christian Early Learning Center, Laura Dubreuil/Family Strides Inc., Debbie Collins/Future Foundations, Donna Labbe/TPS/TECC, Elizabeth Rhoades/ECCP, Kristen Fern/TPS Forbes K

**School Readiness**:

Torrington’s Quality Enhancement Scholarship Application Awards were announced. Three higher education scholarships were awarded in the amount of $1,293.67 to staff at Head Start, Torrington Child Care Center and Hilltop Christian Early Learning Center.

Tim W. reported out on the State School Readiness Co-Chair Meeting. Some take aways were that Torrington is fortunate to have Board of Education and City support. Not all communities experience this. The 2020 benchmark goal to have all teachers with B.A. degrees was shared with discussion from the whole group following.

**Summer Passport to Reading**:

Paula G. shared information and strategies on Passport for Summer Learning outreach including meeting with teachers/principals to explain the program, sharing the booklet and project with parents during spring conferences and an All Call prior to the last day of school promoting the initiative. Ideas for areas to advertise were discussed and members signed up to be points of contact for the program. A sponsor page was recommended for the last page of the booklet.

**Kindergarten Fair**:

Date confirmed: March 25th with a snow date of April 1st. Kindergarten Registration: March 27-31 and April 3-7.

A recommendation to have a letter sent to pre-k parents on the Early Learning and Development Standards was recommended to be created and handed out at pre-k teacher/parent conferences.

**Plus \Delta Feedback** on meeting: It was nice to have lunch! The meeting was productive and many people offered to help! No deltas ☺

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm. Next Education Workgroup meeting scheduled for February 13, 2017.

Respectfully submitted by Donna Labbe, School Readiness Liaison