

Torrington Early Childhood Collaborative (TECC) Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting held on January 13, 2014.

Called to Order at 10:12pm by Mary Cecchinato, TECC Co-Chair. Our last meeting was an All-TECC Open Community Meeting In October at City Hall and no minutes were taken.

In Attendance: Michelle Anderson/Education Connection& Family Resource Center, Elaine Hanscom/TECC, Mary Cecchinato/Torrington Child Care Center, Donna Farr/Head Start, Donna Labbe/TECC & TPS, Cindy Guerreri/ William Caspar Graustein Memorial Foundation (WCGMF), Cheryl Petersen/TECC

Items Discussed:

Outreach Coordinator's Report- Kindergarten Readiness Fair Feedback is coming in from parents and will be shared with the Education Workgroup. 25 new incoming kindergartners identified.

WorkGroup Updates- We are updating our community plan at each workgroup meeting with the help of Cindy Guerreri. A member directory was distributed and we will ask each workgroup chair to review for accuracy.

We need to update the new mayor's designee for TECC and agreed that TECC co-chairs can meet with the mayor and invite her to a TECC Steering Committee meeting.

Members of the Education WorkGroup researched and shared data with the Board of Education to use in a broad discussion of All Day Kindergarten.

TECC Business- Our next application for funds from WCGMF will be completed in early March.

We agreed to postpone discussion of by-laws revisions. More general by-laws have been proposed and will be distributed to all steering committee members for review before discussion.

Donna Labbe reported that we received a request for funds by East PTO fundraising group to purchase racks to enhance their community fundraiser. They are supporting the One Town, One Book initiative this year. No vote was taken as there was not a quorum present, but the group consensus was that TECC cannot support this request with our grant funds. We will share our recommendation with the PTO to secure corporate sponsors for their fundraiser.

We discussed the definition of success for the One Town, One Book initiative based on questions we have heard.

A representative from the CT. Early Childhood Alliance would like to present to our group. We decided to extend an invitation to the Education WorkGroup.

We reviewed meeting dates for all the workgroups and will send out a poll regarding possible changes.

Meeting adjourned at 11:59pm. Next meeting scheduled for 3-10-14.

Respectfully submitted by Elaine Hanscom, TECC Secretary