

Torrington Early Childhood Collaborative (TECC) Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting held on September 8, 2014.

Called to Order at 10:02a.m. by Mary Cecchinato, TECC Co-Chair. Minutes from our last meeting were reviewed and approved as printed.

In Attendance: Michelle Anderson/Education Connection& Family Resource Center, Elaine Hanscom/TECC, Mary Cecchinato/Torrington Child Care Center, Donna Labbe/TECC & Torrington Public Schools (TPS), Cheryl Kloczko/TPS, Cheryl Petersen/TECC, Jan Lyon/TECC-LICC , Anne Giordano/EDUCATION CONNECTION, Karla Woodworth/TECC, Paula Gajewski/TPS

Items Discussed:

Group Schedule- Changed date for next All-TECC meeting to October 20th and set agenda as Taste of Early Childhood, where we will show the fruits of our labor. The need for parent input at this meeting was emphasized and the meeting will run from 4:00-6:00p.m., a time when more parents may be available to attend.

Programs- TECC has received grant funding for a People Empowering People (PEP) class in the evening, starting in October, for interested parents. Parents are being recruited for this training class now. TECC is also looking at grants to fund an early childhood center/alternative learning center in town, at Southeast School. A separate planning meeting to discuss funding for this initiative will be held on 9/22.

Budget- A current list of all grants was reviewed and it was noted that funding for TECC has more than doubled since 2012. TECC has the potential to receive additional funding from the William Caspar Graustein Memorial Foundation for infrastructure in the next few weeks. If received, these funds will be used to plan parent trainings, marketing efforts, and member orientation materials as these were areas indicated on our community self-assessment that needed attention. A motion was made to allow an amount up to 10% of our total budget to be moved to another line item as needed, with authorization from the co-chairs of TECC. Motion carried.

Birth-8 Plan- A demonstration of the work that has been done on the Results ScoreCard (RSC) software over the summer was held. Updated plan at a glance documents were distributed. Future updates to the community plan will be entered directly into RSC. Additional discussion will be held around indicators of success for the work of the group as a whole.

Work Group Next Steps- In order to direct the actions of the active work groups, members were asked to think about our priorities. A poll will be taken to better assess which actions in our plan would be given highest priority if we lost significant funding and which programs or activities could continue on through our community partners.

Meeting adjourned at 11:53a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Elaine Hanscom, TECC Secretary.