



**School Readiness and
Child Daycare Grant**

City of Bristol, Connecticut

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Bristol School Readiness Council Minutes

September 5, 2012

Present:

Sue Moreau (Co-Chair) William Brownstein – (Co-Chair) ,Anne Gobes (BOE),
Donna Osuch (United Way), Laura Watson (Parent),, Linda Rich (FRC), Rita Gerzanick (Comm.
Rep) ,Kim Carmelich (Parent and Child Center) Coral Richardson (Providers),
Dave Mills (City Council) Marci Arroyo (Wheeler Clinic) Karen Lombardi (WIC), Cathy Plourde
(BBHD) Linda Rosado (Tunxis)

Excused: Jessica Dolan (BHA), Valerie Toner (Library), Valerie Pelletier (HS)

Ex-Officio- Mayor Art Ward, Superintendent Ellen Solek

Present Non-Members: Allyson Schulz, Robyn L. Bugbee, Shirley Anderson, Marilyn Lobacz
ewski, Sara Castle, Renee Dailey, Eileen McNulty, Bill Fitzgerald

Mary-Alice Petrucelli-Timek- School Readiness Grant Manager

The meeting was called to order at 12:20 by Co-Chair Brownstein

- *A motion was made to accept the June 6,2012 minutes – motion seconded /passed*

Congratulations were extended to Bristol Preschool Child Care Center (BPCCC) for their NAEYC re-
accreditation. BPCCC was re-accredited at both sites and did amazingly well on their scores
(100 -100+) on the 10 Program Standards. Job well done!!

Congratulations were extended to Linda Rich for being awarded another Family Resource Center @ Greene
-Hills K-8 School. This brings the number of FRC to 3 in Bristol.

Linda Rosado announced that Tunxis Early Childhood Development Center also received NAEYC re-
accreditation in August 2012.

Congratulations to Linda and her staff too

Welcome and Introductions

Dr. Brownstein welcomed SRC members and audience members.

Program Quality- Rita Gerzanick

Committee did not meet during the summer- first meeting will be held on September 11th @ BOE auditorium

Health Committee- Cathy Plourde –Chairperson

Health Committee met on September 4th @ BBHD.

- Ivy Drive School and Kern Park Project is moving along- the Kern Park Association walked the property with Dr. Vojtek (Principal of Ivy Drive) to review condition of Park and see what improvements can be made.
- Collaborative effort between Shop Rite Supermarkets and Bristol Garden Club to restart community gardens @ Cambridge Park- article in Bristol Press.
- Shop Rite is also collaborating with schools and Crowley Auto to collect items for food pantry.
- Century 21 NBC Grant- with Parent and Child Center as the lead agency- we have applied for this Grant and will hear decision by mid-November.
- Orange Nose Day- October 5,2012- To focus on 5 healthy steps to keep children and families healthy by using prevention

Wash hands, Get Immunized, Eat Colorful Foods, Exercise, Avoid Body fluids

Committee hopes to expand this national event to more segments of the Bristol community reaching out to preschool programs, Library, Museums, schools, and businesses.

Governance Committee- Bill Brownstein M.D.

The Governance Committee will be meeting to review and re-write policies for the new fee schedule.

Community Outreach- Laura Watson

Committee still partnering with Friendly's for Family Fun night (monthly) and "Appetite for Reading" Last month (August) The New England Carousel Museum was featured – and the programs being offered to children and families. The Imagine Nation Museum will be featured next.

Books are being replenished weekly – and SAVER's is supplying the Project with new books.

The 5 "Ready for Kindergarten" videos are ready to be placed on You-tube and to be sent to school web-sites.

SRC website is currently in discussion to partner with BECA. SRC website will be on Bristol's website with links to BECA.

Next meeting date September 18th 10:00 Library

Grant Manager's Report

Update SDE-

The City of Bristol received additional SR slots:

INPLC : 103 FD/FY slots

BPCCC: 106 FD/FY slots

BOE: 120 PD/PY slots

Total 329 School Readiness slots in Bristol – SR Grant \$2,356,369

\$100,000 Administrative costs-

With the closing of BHCDC – an additional \$5,000 can be moved to off-set the SR Grant Manager's salary. This would assist the City in saving money.

A motion was made to place another \$5,000 of the Administrative funds for a total of \$65,000 to off-set the SR Manager's salary. Motion seconded/passed

The SR Grant Manager was directed to send a letter to Comptroller to reaffirm \$65,000 would be used to off-set SR Grant Manger's salary (2012-2013)

Alternative Care Form- annual vote is required on this form by SR regulations.

A motion was made to accept the annual Alternative Care forms for 2012-2013

Motion seconded/passed

Report on Community Events

– “Countdown to Kindergarten” held @ Library and Imagine Nation Museum
45 families attend

– Ice Cream Truck/Cambridge Park Family Day- “treats” and book distribution.
724 children participated in this event. All the Principals came to their stops – engaged with the families and a new or gently used book was distributed.

– Bristol School Readiness 2012 Early Childhood Community Conference

The event was very successful- Day one -6 Providers attended with 62 staff members

Day two- 5 Providers attended (including BOE) with 96 staff members- plus educational staff from both Museums were in attendance.

Quality Enhancement Grant-

Community RFP is due September 25th to SDE

Provider’s Report

Public declaration of cost of care:

BPCCC- \$13,427.75

INPLC-\$12,440.00

Our FD/FY Programs are @ capacity for August

BPCCC-all slots filled (106 FD/FY)

INPLC- all slots filled (103 FD/FY)

Monitoring visits Reports:

No report

Resignations

Marilyn Lobaczewski

Appointments

Coral Richardson

Old Business

New Business

Meeting Adjourned @ 1:00

Next Meeting: October 3, 2012

Respectfully Submitted

Mary-Alice Petrucelli-Timek
School Readiness Grant Manager