

ACES Middlesex County Early Head Start Partnership

Serving eligible families in Middletown, Clinton, Cromwell, Old Saybrook, Portland, and Westbrook

POLICY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 300 WASHINGTON ST. MIDDLETOWN, CT 06457 January 27, 2017 10:00am-12:00pm

Attendance: Rebecca Cuevas(PM), Ava Hart(FDC), Dionne Lowndes(MCHM), Vinnie Lofreddo(Board), Amy Waterman(Community Representative), Denise Leavy(Community Representative), Jennifer Malon(Parent), Monique Ives(Parent/Co-Chair), Nancy Sudhoff(ACES HR)

10:08am Call to Order by Monique Ives

- **Review minutes from November 18, 2016. *Monique motion to approve minutes, Denise 2nd the motion.**
- **Public Comment**
 - Denise Leavy informed Policy Council that this meeting that she has resign as Community Representative.
 - FRC events at Vinnie's Jump and Jive, Russell Library and Wellness center are open and free for families to attend.
- **Parent Sharing**
 - Parent Committee Alliance (PCA) Meetings will be meeting separately from socialization. Meeting will take place 4 times at the EHS office in Middletown for Greater Middletown families and 4 times at Grace Church in Old Saybrook for Greater Shoreline families. EHS PCA will be at 11:00am.
 - New dates for Socialization has been shared. Socialization will start again in March.
 - Family Interest Survey was shared with PC members.
 - Amy saw there was topic the EHS families that are interested in that she can provided. ie. Couponing, parent leadership, etc. Amy will attend a PCA meeting to connect with parents to service their interest that was found from survey. Amy mentioned that Parent Leadership classes are starting on February 15, 2017. Connect with Donna Marino.
- **ERSEA- December report was shared. *Monique motion to approve, Denise 2nd, all in favor**
 - Rebecca shared ERSEA report.
 - Full enrollment
- **Hallie House(HH) Partnership Updates**
 - EHS offered onsite opportunity at HH, such as Safety & Health curriculum and Education curriculum.
 - Dale Saul held infant massage, Dionne held playgroups with topics of health prevention and illness and Home Visitor's, Jenn and Heather, held playgroups sharing information on child development. Families finding that they are learning something new about themselves with activities held at HH by EHS.
 - Resource materials and toys were ordered for HH through state grant funding. Families are very happy with the new toys that their children can safely play with.
- **2016 School Readiness(SR) Fall update**
 - SR report was shared with PC members. Members found report confusing. *Revised graphs included in mailing.
 - Finding there are 22% of children with IFSP in EHS. This helps to identify needs and supports before child enter school. Discussion followed.
- **Implementation of new Performance Standards**
 - Becky invited any PC members to work on Performance Standards Plans to address.
- **Nancy Sudhoff of ACES Human Resource**
 - Training on ACES personnel policy related to hiring and firing. Recruitment and interviewing guidance during hiring process was shared.
 - Fingerprinting
 - Nancy mentioned that federal process for fingerprinting has changed. She will share when she gets more information for new procedure. New federal policy and new OHS policy will be reviewed.

Adjourn