

Minutes

Early Care and Education Committee Meeting

Bridge to Success

Location: Waterbury Youth Service System, Inc.

Tuesday, April 20, 2010

Submitted by Linda Janowitz, April 29, 2010

Present: Debbie McCusker, Parent and Co-Chairperson; Diane Baxter, Parent; Barbara Tacchi, School Readiness Coordinator; Linda Janowitz, Waterbury Youth Services; Jacqueline McGrath-Curtis, Parent.

Meeting called to order at 1:30 pm

1. Brief introduction of committee members.
2. Brief updates from last meeting and any new business

Discussion of community events and the best way to let parents know.

--Family Festival to be held May 8, Saturday in Library Park

--Walsh Community Day to be held April 24, Saturday with a parade to start at Walsh School and end at PAL Community Center.

Question was where do we have a community events general posting. Should be one in the city. Suggestions included: a government building, Palace Marquee(downtown), Walgreens Marquee(Meriden Rd.), CVS Marquee(North Main St).

Debbie said she would talk to Walgreens and CVS.

Barbara shared that she had attended a workshop on parent involvement sponsored by CT Parent Power. Ann Platt from Alliance(?) and George from CT Parent Power were the speakers. The session was video taped and is available on Parent Power website.

3. Reviewed Status Report Form as submitted.
4. Reviewed parent survey concerning knowledge of preschool availability and importance of attending preschool. We added a title. Decided to use Pre-Kindergarten throughout instead of Pre-School. Added a c to #2 which was "age to start". Discussed wait list question and transportation (add it as a choice or not). On #8 changed to "When you are not taking care of your child, who does?" The survey will be two pages so put continued on bottom so people know there is a part on the back.

Debbie agreed to do a pilot at the Walsh Community Fair on Saturday to see how it will work.

Barbara will provide surveys, pens, pencils, candy and tea bags. She will also provide flyers for reminders of Family Festival.

Discussion of Target Neighborhoods: Decided to do the Festivals that are held each spring and summer in town. Also in Sept. to do the Parent Meetings at individual schools.

Next meeting: will be May 11 at 1 pm at Waterbury Youth Service System, Inc.