

MINUTES

Minutes Marshfield Early Childhood Advisory Council

Date: June 8, 2022

Location: Zoom

Time: 4:15 pm

Present: Deb Worsh (Outreach Coordinator), Marie Miller (MPSD Kindergarten Teacher, retired), Amy Carey (Parent), Dotti McDevitt (CCCAC), Courtney Coutts (EC MPSD), Elizabeth Hartigan (SSCAC), Karen Lincoln (SSCAC), Susan West (BID Family Education)

Minutes of the March 23, 2022 meeting accepted.

Deb Worsh communicated to the council that she was retiring at the end of this school year. Council members thanked Deb for her passion and dedication to the Hand in Hand Community Playgroup program.

A motion was made and accepted to postpone the voting of new council members as well as co-chairs until fall.

Dottie McDevitt discussed Child Care Assistance and Vouchers. She encourages providers to accept vouchers. Works with people who write vouchers to be able to assist families. Marshfield unfortunately has nothing available for parents with vouchers. Would like to encourage providers to consider offering even one spot with a voucher. What can we do as a group to work on this?

Deb provided a brief overview of the Family Engagement Framework as it relates to our local child care agency (CACCI). How can our community support our families in the specific area of financial assistance?

CFCE FY23 Grant Update - Deb stated that the grant has been submitted and is waiting for approval. PAC attendance has been good, overall attendance towards the end of the school year tapered off.

Program Updates - Deb, Marie Miller and Annie Violissi held an event called "Getting Ready for Kindergarten". Families with children going to kindergarten were invited. Annie's kindergarten students served as ambassadors. The event was well attended; 27 families/36 children attended. Bethany Gavin provided music.

Music Saturdays will continue. Sue West will be holding a session of "Babies in the Park" on June 28th from 11-12.

Next Meeting: TBD

