

## MINUTES

### Minutes Marshfield Early Childhood Advisory Council

Date: September 28, 2022

Location: South River School and Zoom

Time: 5:00 PM

Present: Amy Carter (Outreach Coordinator), Marie Miller (MPSD Kindergarten Teacher, retired), Anne-Marie Ward (Parent), Dotti McDevitt (CCCAC), Courtney Coutts (EC MPSD), Susan West (BID Family Education), Pam Smith (MPSD PK Sped Teacher), Lakia Small (JRI), Sandy Kozlowsky (Pudding Hill), Wendy Gardner-Breindel (Ventress Library), Sophia (Health Imperatives).

New members were voted on to the Council:

Amy Carter, Pam Smith, Meghan Richardson

Members voted off of Council:

Bill Campia, Deb Worsh, Ellen Martin

A motion was made to vote co-chairs to the council; Amy Carter from MPSD, Lead Agency and Marie Miller, community.

Amy Carter shared slides with the council outlining the agenda, introductions, updates and building positive relationships through family and community engagement.

Amy Carter, Outreach Coordinator and Sue West discussed the current programming. There are currently several playgroups and parent groups being offered. Indoor/Outdoor Adventures, Mighty Movers, Little Yogi's, Yoga and Literacy Saturdays, Music and Literacy, Mini Scientists (STEM), Infant and Toddler Playgroup, and Parent Cafe (Active Parenting). .

Wendy encouraged everyone to let her know about any events you have going on so that she can share and post at the library. She would like to do an event at the library for parents of children moving up to kindergarten; a question and answer session.

Amy has been going to Carolina Hill and doing a weekly playgroup. The groups are well attended.

Sophia from Health Imperatives provided brochures. They provide coaching and support to young (23 and under) moms and dads across Massachusetts, including free home visits, education and career support, child development information, connections with other parents. The Family Support Coordinator is Kathleen DiBona, [kdibona@healthimperatives.org](mailto:kdibona@healthimperatives.org)

Sandy asked about an event for the kids moving on to kindergarten. Would like to learn more about kindergarten curriculum. Could we do an event before the first kindergarten screening?

It was agreed that a kindergarten event would be discussed and planned at the next meeting.

Next meeting to be November 16th at 4:00 PM at the Ventress Library.

Meeting Adjourned.