

MINUTES

Minutes Marshfield Early Childhood Advisory Council

Date: May 17, 2023

Location: South River School and Zoom

Time: 4:00 PM

Present: Amy Carter (Outreach Coordinator), Marie Miller (MPSD Kindergarten Teacher, retired), Lynn Neacy (EC MPSD), Courtney Coutts (EC MPSD), Susan West (BID Family Education), Pam Smith (MPSD PK Sped Teacher), Wendy Gardner-Breindel (Ventress Library), Annie Violissi (MPSD Kindergarten Teacher), Karen Lincoln (South Shore Early Education), Linda Connors (South Shore Early Education), Pam Habel (MPSD Kindergarten Teacher), Allison Holland (Plymouth WIC), Kim Mossman (Mossman Play Therapy), Dotti McDevitt(CACCI), Kathleen McGinty (Healthy Imperatives).

A motion was made to approve the minutes for 3/29/23. The minutes were approved. The Council Bylaws were reviewed and no changes were made. A motion was made to approve these bylaws and they were approved.

Agencies discussed updates of their programs. Wendy from Ventress Library told us that the Marshfield Library will be holding Truck-A-Palooza on June 26th from 10-12:00.

Kathleen McGinty of Healthy Imperatives recently began offering services to families in Marshfield. She holds free and voluntary education and careers supports for young parents. She offers referrals for things like pediatricians and also hosts social groups. Kathleen is going to drop off pamphlets to the library and South River School so they can be shared with families.

Dotti McDevitt said Child Care Network is hosting a free event on May 24th from 5:30-7:30 at 1620 hotel. The guest speaker for this event is Jeanine Fitzgerald. To register, contact Dottie at dmcdevitt@cacci.cc.

The Kickoff to Kindergarten event was successful, with about 40 families attending and enjoying the Bubble Music Man. The Council discussed having a 3-part series for kindergarten transition events next year. We plan to offer an event for families in March, an informational night for parents in April, and a celebratory event for families in June.

Going forward with the council, we will continue to stagger the meeting times and offer both in person and Zoom options. Next meeting to be September 27, 2023 at 4:00. The hybrid meeting will be held at South River School and on Zoom.

Meeting Adjourned.