

MINUTES
Minutes Marshfield Early Childhood Advisory Council

Date: March 29, 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), Sandy Kozlowsky (Pudding Hill), Pam Habel (MPSD Kindergarten Teacher), Allison Holland (Plymouth WIC), Kim Mossman (Mossman Play Therapy), Leah Smith (Early Intervention), Liz Hartigan (Head Start), Deb Ritz (Steeple School), Dottie McDerit (CACCI)

A motion was made to approve the minutes for 1/25/23. The minutes were approved.

Five new members were voted in: Allyson Holland, Kim Mossman, Annie Violissi, Linda Connors and Pam Habel.

During agency updates, Kim Mossman of Mossman Play Therapy spoke about an upcoming free parent workshop at the Plymouth Library. Allyson Holland informed the council that Plymouth WIC will begin providing services in person starting on August 1st. Wendy from Ventress Library told us that the Marshfield Library will be collaborating with the South Shore Natural Science Center during April vacation. All of the early childhood schools have been busy enrolling students for next year.

The kindergarten transition event was very successful, with over 85 families in attendance. Going forward with our kindergarten information night, the council decided that a virtual event would be best so that more families can attend. During the event we will discuss kindergarten screening, a typical day for a kindergartener and the things that they will be learning. The event will not answer questions about specific schools, but will allow parents to learn more about kindergarten in general. This event will be held on April 12, 2023 at 6:00. Amy Carter will introduce current and former kindergarten teachers of the council, and they will present the information to families.

Next meeting to be May 17, 2023 at 4:00. The hybrid meeting will be held at South River School and on Zoom.

Meeting Adjourned.