Danbury School Readiness Council
Minutes

Date: March 13, 2019
Time: 3-4:30  Location: 4 Mountainview Terrace, Suite 201, Danbury 06810

Attendance: Aimee Clavette, Ashley Beckendorf, Delia Wroblewski, Tara Carvalho, Robin Scott, Michelle Anderson, Eileen Costello, Judy Sims, Michelle James, Jennifer Pane.

Announcements:
Minutes were approved. Michelle made the motion and Aimee C. 2nd. Michelle shared FOI requirements and the posting of agendas, and minutes at City Hall.

Agenda Item: Consultant Report
Main Points: Eileen discussed the impact on programs for the HS Late notice to families. How can we prevent all the families that leave and go to HS over the summer. Michelle will provide a McKinney-Vento update and presentation annually to the DSR to review implications for programs.

Decisions/Next Steps:

Agenda Item: Promise Report
Main Points: Michelle read Meghan’s report. Community Resource Fair flyer was shared. 5/23 EC Advocacy Day at the Capitol. DPS will provide a bus for families. FCC network still meeting and DSR is hosting PD for the group. Promise is working with Maureen F. on data collection.

Decisions/Next Steps:

Agenda Item: Superintendent Update – Not available this meeting.
Main Points: Discussion occurred about the preschool special education referral process and the growing numbers in preschool special education. This year a reported 25% in special education occurred in DPS. Also, increase in ELL students.

Decisions/Next Steps:

Agenda Item: Community Sharing
Main Points:
Tara from the library reviews summer reading program plans. She also solicited ideas about working collaboratively on grants, etc. It is the library’s 150th birthday. April is National Library week. Plans are being made to celebrate. There is a coffee and community meeting 4/10/19 from 10-12 a.m. Ashley reported on the new HV RFP. CACWC talked about their VITA tax prep program. CIFC mentioned Elizabeth Goehring is the interim director of Head Start. YMCA had a successful Read Across America day where legislators, the Mayor, and 20 plus “celebrity” readers came and read to the children in the childcare programs.

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