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Head Start Board of Education Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, November 21, 2024

Time: 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Location: Virtual meeting via Zoom Meeting ID: 961 466 2454

Attendees: Mary Derwin, Director Head Start
Matthew Wilcox, BOE Head Start Chairperson
Vanessa Diaz Valencia, Director Early Learning

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:04 p.m.

Introductions /Announcements

No new announcements or introductions.

Review and Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the October 17, 2024, Subcommittee Meeting were approved without amendment.

Student Data

- Enrollment Report-Currently 19 applications in processing
Dr. R. Mayo School has one open slot in T1

Table with 5 columns: School Name, Current Enrollment, Enrollment Percentage, Funded / Capacity, and Vacancy. Rows include ALL / Grantee, New Haven Schools, Dr. Mayo, Fair Haven, Lincoln Bassett, Martinez, Truman, F.A.M.E., and Hill Central.

OHS updates

- Head Start Enrollment meeting – November 15, 2024
Additional meeting and tracking will occur through the end of the school year
ST of CT Head Start meeting- October 30, 2024
Upcoming ST of CT Head Start meeting -November 26, 2025-Info on monitoring events
Health Service and Mental Health Advisory meeting- November 21, 2024- United Way



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- Reportable Incident- Bus -unauthorized release of student- was reported to OHS Program Specialist and HSES System
- Preschool FLU Clinic- Dr. Mayo School Wednesday, November 20, 2024
- Health and Wellness Family Event-co-planned with health partners and Head Start programs within the city-March 26, 2025
- Policy Council Meeting, November 25, 2024 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Updates:

- Status of meetings for next school year-Early Childhood vs. Head Start
- Mr. Wilcox stated January 2025 would be the appropriate time to make the change
- Collective Bargaining Units-actions and negotiations
staffing and positions
interviews will take place in December for Advocate and Coach
- Mr. Wilcox voiced concerns over the posting of the three 3144 HS management positions
- Will formally request a timeline for the positions with compliance concerns

State of CT Head Start Grant- Expansion Lincoln Bassett Classroom 131

- Application due on 12/05/25
- Funding is the same-new grant conditions
- Pursuant to legislation, State Head Start funding is to be allocated in the following way:
75% of total funding is to:
 - Create new extended day, year-round spaces for HS/EHS classrooms
 - Create new full day, year-round spaces for HS/EHS classrooms
 - Expand existing federal HS/EHS spaces to extended day, year-round classrooms
 - Expand existing federal HS/EHS spaces to full day, year-round classrooms
- 25% of total funding is to be for the purpose of enhancing program quality.
- **100% of funding amount is 130759**
- **75% of funding amount is 98069.25**
- **25% of funding amount is 32689.75**

Finance

- Pending Agreement-Nurses for Daycare- compliance vision and hearing screening
- Pending POs- CT Stem Academy-In house field trips

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:03 p.m.



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