

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 PM.

2. INTRODUCTIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

Present: Sarah Dufresne, Katie Bell, Debbie Plourde, Shamim Patwa, Anne Bladen, Judy Stoughton, Lisa Dahn, Miguel Colon, Erin Clark, Jane Goldman, Tracy Smith

Sarah Dufresne recognized the center directors for getting in the SR FY22 paperwork in before the due date. She also recognized Erin Clark from Mount Hope for completing the FY22 RFP.

Katie Bell recognized Sarah Dufresne for staying positive and smiling through chaotic moments.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The April 7, 2021 Minutes were approved by consensus at 5:37 PM

4. SCHOOL READINESS COUNCIL ITEMS/STAFF REPORT.

a. FY22 School Readiness Grant overview

- i. 24 spaces (16 Full Day, 4 Part Day, 4 School Day)
- ii. Total grant award requested \$197,093.00

b. Mount Hope SR RFP overview and vote

- i. Mount Hope Montessori received a score of 113/125 on their RFP.
- ii. Highlights included very detailed and complete answers, along with a strong plan to work towards accreditation.
- iii. The review panel made the recommendation to the council to approve SR funding for Mt. Hope pending the director provides updates on accreditation at MAC meetings.

c. FY22 School Readiness vote

- i. Lisa Dahn made a motion to “approve funding for Mount Hope Montessori for FY22 with the understanding that the director will provide updates on NAEYC accreditation at future meetings.” The motion was seconded by Shamim Patwa. The motion passed at 5:53 PM with all in favor except Erin Clark who abstained.
- ii. Shamim Patwa made a motion to “continue funding Community Children’s Center for FY22.” The motion was seconded by Tracy Smith. The motion passed at 5:55 PM with all in favor except Lisa Dahn who abstained.

- iii. Judy Stoughton made a motion to “continue funding UConn Child Labs for FY22.” The motion was seconded by Lisa Dahn. The motion passed at 5:56 PM with all in favor except Anne Bladen who abstained.
 - iv. Anne Bladen made a motion to “continue funding Mansfield Discovery Depot for FY22.” The motion was seconded by Tracy Smith. The motion passed at 5:57 PM with all in favor except Debbie Plourde and Jane Goldman who abstained.
- d.** FY22 QE funding breakdown vote
- i. Shamim Patwa made a motion to “keep the QE funding for FY22 the same as it was allocated last year with \$1000 for In-Service, \$1381 in Contracted Services, and \$1500 in Supplies.” The motion was seconded by Debbie Plourde. The motion passed at 6:01 PM with all in favor.

5. CLOSING/ UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS

- a.** Debbie Plourde made a motion that if “we are unable to meet online in June that we will cancel the meeting unless there is important business that would require us to meet.” The motion was seconded by Lisa Dahn. The motion passed at 6:04 PM with all in favor.

Next meeting is Wednesday, June 2, 2021.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:05 PM.