

Early Education Committee
Meeting Minutes
November 8, 2011

2:30 – 3:45

Attendees: Beth Abbott-Koch, Mary Hoyne, Mary Jane Wright, Amy Jameison, Jean Goldhammer, Justina Boyden, Leslee Torsell, Kim Laidlaw, Sarah Jordan

1-Beth shared a surprise site visit was conducted by Judy D’Este from Vermont Department for Children and Families Child Development Division on October 27, 2011. The License Visit Field Form was very positive. Any interested parties are welcome to read it and may do so by contacting Beth Abbott-Koch or Leslee Torsell. Our license was renewed through 10/17/2012.

2- We will plan to schedule Heidi Hill’s 1 hour presentation/round table book discussion for January. Mj will check with Heidi about the maximum number of participants and possible dates in January that work for Heidi.

It was decided to-

- Try to offer childcare
- Invite FES community members first (including complete database) and then other WWSU communities if there is still space available.
- Schedule a snow date

3-MJ reported she did not have any reply about Mother Goose workshops from Vt. Center for the Book

4-The committee discussed Early Education Committee meeting time. A community member shared desire to have access to meetings agendas and minutes, as well as a way for interested community members to participate and give input even if they cannot attend the meetings due to reasons such as the timing of the meetings.

Committee decided to-

- post meeting agendas and meeting minutes on an Early Education Committee link on the FES website
- create a “list serve” for sending emails to interested community members (will start with current members and Pre-K database)
- add a question to the Developmental Screening form asking families if they would like to receive Early Education Committee agendas and minutes

5-Pre-K and K Configurations were discussed.

The committee was made aware of the FES School Board and the superintendent's support of a full day 5 day/week Kindergarten program.

The committee was also made aware of the FES School Board and the superintendent's support of a FES/WES combined preschool program. Some of the implications of this change were discussed. The committee is committed to keeping our Pre-K students at FES. Members will work to prepare educational information to present to the FES School Board.

No future meeting date was set
