



All New Haven children, birth through 8 are healthy, safe, thriving in nurturing families and prepared to be successful lifelong learners.

NHECC Council Meeting Minutes

December 4, 2019

Time: 3:00-4:30 pm

NHFPL - Fair Haven Branch, 182 Grand Avenue New Haven, CT

Meeting Called to Order by Sarah Fabish (Executive Committee Member) at 3:10 PM.

Minutes from November 6, 2019 Council meeting were unanimously approved.

School Readiness Project Director Report

December SR Utilization Report

- Denise provided an overview of space utilization report for the SR Programs in New Haven. There are currently 43 spaces open (26 full day, 2 part day). Openings are down from last month's number of 84 open spaces. Denise presented a proposal to move spaces. The proposal was reviewed and due to questions on how the Council should prioritize the moving of spaces, the vote was tabled. A motion was made to form a committee to review a strategy for allocating spaces. The committee will convene and present the proposal at the January 8, 2020 Council meeting.
- **Discussion** - Denise informed the Council that due to a clerical error in the last School Readiness grant proposal, spaces allocated to Friends Center at the Blake Street location will not be covered by the Office of Early Childhood. OEC notified Allyx S. (Director) of this decision in November. The Co-Chairs and Denise have been in contact with the OEC to discuss options to remediate the error. As of the date of the meeting, OEC stated it will not reimburse the costs (114,00) incurred July - June 30th at the Blake Street location. If Friends Center is not reimbursed, 17 families would lose care immediately. Allyx offered an option to remediate the situation. She requested that the Council consider approving that she give back her 17 spaces at the East Grand Street location and then have those slots transferred to Grand Street. After an extensive discussion on the matter, it was agreed that the Council will wait for the decision from OEC before moving forward.

Presentation by Michael T. Burke from Census Bureau:

- Mr. Burke expressed that the length of the planned presentation is about 30 minutes. This portion of the meeting began at 4:10. Mr. Burke offered to return in January. The members agreed to proceed forward with the presentation and adjourn after his presentation. Mr. Burke provided an overview of the 2020 Census and the efforts to ensure that families complete the Census. Mr Burke also highlighted ways individuals can seek employment for the 2020 Census. A powerpoint presentation is available by email request to the earlychildhoodcouncilnewhaven@gmail.com email address.