

# **WEST HAVEN BOARD OF EDUCATION**

## **Early Childhood Committee Meeting Minutes**

**WHHS Café**

**September 6, 2022**

**5:30 P.M.**

An Early Childhood Committee Meeting of the Board of Education was held on September 6, 2022, in the West Haven High School Café 1 McDonough Plaza, West Haven, CT 06516. The meeting was called to order by Kim Kenny, Chairwomen of the Early Childhood Committee at 5:30 PM.

### **BOARD MEMBERS**

#### **IN ATTENDANCE:**

Kim Kenny, Chairman

Morgan Watts

Andrea Talamelli

Robert Guthrie

Chairwomen Kim Kenny informed the committee that she meets with Melanie Deninger on Friday, September 2, 2022, regarding tonight's agenda for goals. Some of the goals are parent support, supporting the needs of the students in the least restrictive environment, celebrating paraprofessional day and Kindergarten registration.

Melanie Deninger provided a break down of the readiness program and how many sites are involved and the grant(s). She also provided updated and the process on registration. Melanie also expressed she has some personal goals that she would like to achieve this year with the community needs and student needs without having to remove them from their original learning environment. Additionally, she would like to celebrate Paraprofessional day since it is a national holiday.

Andrea Talamelli spoke about the Savin Rock pre-k program. Melanie did advise it is by lottery. However, they can work on advertising more for the program.

Chairwoman Kenny and members of the committee established the below goals:

Parent Support Group- Step up meeting with support and a possibility of a post card for new families in that come to town.

Supporting the needs of the students-Maybe have a buddy day.

Paraprofessional appreciation day- Collaborate with the Para union.

Kindergarten Registration- Ordering items in December and verify the start date around February (subject to change). Additionally, the committee would like to aid families and get them registered prior to the start of school so the children and families can attend a meet and greet with the school and teacher prior to the start of school. Chairwomen Kenny mentioned we can work with the PTAs and camps to get the word out about registration. Along with the Community House and Noble School since they get the readiness information already.

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Chairwomen Kenny asked for a motion to adjourn.

Andrea Talamelli made the motion to adjourn

Morgan Watts seconded the motion

All board member were in favor

The meeting adjourned at 5:57 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Foster