

Middletown School Readiness Council

1:00 P.M. – 2:30 P.M.
Wednesday, March 24th, 2010
State Capitol Building
Hartford, CT

Members Present: Christine Fahey, Sheila Daniels, Christine O’Grady, Monica Belyea, Donna Marino, Bill Boyd and Ed Bonilla. Members of the Middlesex Coalition for Children and Middlesex Area Inter-Agency Council were also in attendance. Legislative Members Present: Sen. Paul Doyle, Rep. Joseph Serra, Rep. Brian O’Connor, Rep. Matthew Lesser, Rep. Gail Hamm, Rep. Jim O’Rourke, and Rep. Linda Orange.

I. Welcome & Call to Order: In Betsy Morgan’s absence, Chris Fahey opened the meeting and welcomed all those present introduced and thanked legislators for their time and attendance at this meeting.

II. Discussion: with legislators about programs that need to be protected and ideas for additional sources of revenue in the 2010 and 2011 budgets took place with a very meaningful exchange among those present.

Angela Graichen from Town & Country Early Learning Center spoke about the impact that the May 2009 closing of Care4Kids had on her program and on the families that they serve. Maggie Adair, in Betsy’s absence, spoke on the need for a balanced approach to the budget process and encouraged a thorough review of the revenue side. Linda McDonald from Middlesex Hospital Family Advocacy Program talked about the need to continue to fund the Nurturing Families Network (NFN). Christine O’Grady and Cat Greaves from Family School Connections spoke about their work with families and how their program takes over after NFN. Donna Marino, District Partnership Coordinator, spoke in support of The Parent Trust Fund. Lydia Brewster spoke about the tremendous need for supportive housing

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 P.M. with thanks to all in attendance, especially to our legislators for their time, interest, and efforts

The next meeting of the School Readiness Council
will take place on
Wednesday, April 21, 2010
at
Wilbert Snow Elementary School
from
12:00 P.M. to 1:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted by: Sheila Daniels