

WRCC
Early Childhood Education Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
12/6/22

Present:

Deb Gass, Chloe Leary, Leigh Marthe, Heather Edwards, Melissa Carlstorm, Paige Neal and Kim Freeman

Agenda:

Introductions (three new members)

Program updates with data

Stakeholder feedback

Questions and ideas

Introductions: We welcomed three new members; Heather Edwards/Mulberry Bush, Melissa Carlstrom/Horizon ELP and Paige Neal ECE pathway completer.

Program Updates:

Numbers: First Year Students: 11 (four with 504's) of these 3 are Seniors but the other 8 have the intention to return next year.

Second Year Students: 3 (Two with IEPs)

Fieldwork:

- Second year students were all accepted into the VTAEYC Pre-Apprenticeship program this year and are completing their field work at EES/Birge, Mulberry Bush and Horizon Early Learning.
- First Year students will begin field work soon and the placements are as follows: 3 at Winston Prouty, 2 with EES, 2 with Mulberry Bush, 1 with Happy Hands, 1 with the Garland School, 1 at West Bee Nursery School and 1 at the Kindergarten Classroom at Academy School.

Stakeholder Feedback

- Deb Gass reported that renovations on the Infant and Toddler Center located at the Career Center will be completed by February.
- Both Heather and Melissa reported that the fieldwork relationship is going well. There was a suggestion that the Mentors are made aware of classwork that is being completed by the students.

- Paige Neal (pathway completer) has been working as an Assistant Preschool teacher and answered the following questions. 1. Ways she felt prepared for work-role playing, emotional literacy tools, and emphasis on personal wellbeing. 2. Areas that more support could have been given- Understanding and developing more skills for challenging behavior and more opportunities to work with families.
- Deb and Leigh spoke about the importance of mentorship for all students.

Questions and ideas

- Students could be allowed to see parent communication with the “Brightwheel App” that some programs use.
- BBF has granted money to support refugees.