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Meeting Minutes for July 19, 2006 Mission Statement

The mission of the Norwich Children First Initiative is to engage our families, schools, and community to improve life outcomes for young children.

The Children First Initiative/School Readiness Council Collaborative is an effort to create an early care and education agenda that fully engages parents schools, and the community.

Attendees: Duncan Profitt, Debbie Poirier, Deborah Buxton-Morris, Mary Broderick, Veronica Granger, Beverly Goulet, Janis Sawicki, Kay Eyberse, Rebecca Grillo, Kathy Smith, Anne Krodel, Patricia Kornacki, Keith Ripley, Linda Massey, Robin Williams, Chris Milton, Debbie Kievits, Betty Bumpus, and Sherry Filiatreault

Welcome by Duncan Profitt – Board Chairman

Retreat debriefing- The retreat got everyone on the same page. Robyn was excited to see where she fit in. The group felt that it was very worthwhile.

Gamaliel National Leadership Training - Sherry and Duncan attended this intense training. Both felt it was extremely worthwhile. They are interested in doing a revised training for CFN.

1. start a community organizing table
2. make allies in the community
3. Parent power will come to do a one on one training for Norwich
4. This will help us move our agenda
5. CT was the only non-faith group in attendance

A motion was made by Debra Buxton Morris to allow NPS to move their preschool slots from Stanton to Huntington. Duncan Profitt seconded the motion. It was accepted unanimously by School Readiness members.

Family Day – Non profit groups may set up a table for free. Bev would like a pin that would identify CFN members. Wal-Mart rep will email Sherry with the number of a place

who designs the pins.

Financial report – Bev would like rep to submit a financial report monthly.

UCFS reported that there is currently a balance of 19,000 in the CFN budget.

Minutes for the retreat were typed and they go into everyone's binder. There is another acronym list to add also.

Save the date for the Stone Soup Conference. Let Sherry know if you are interested in going.

National night out is on Aug 1st

Email changes were made to the list. Sherry will get us a revised list at the September meeting.

Each chair of the subgroups will receive a binder and be responsible for keeping minutes for their group and putting them into the binder.

Members of CFN were asked to volunteer to be on at least one subcommittee.

Volunteers were also needed to chair the subgroups.

The regional and membership committees still need chairs.

Sherry will email everyone with a list of who is on each committee.

Next meeting is the 3rd Wed in September.

Next meeting is at the Dime Bank at 9:00 AM on Wednesday, March 15

Hope to see you there!