

**Badlands Head Start: Prenatal to Five
Special TREC Board Meeting
Minutes**

Meeting Date: August 12, 2021

Place: Belle Fourche Office – Email Vote

Roll Call: Email vote sent to: Brad Brunner, Janine Short, Elizabeth Christian and Erin Melling

Roll Call: Quorum Established? Yes

Email Vote TREC Board of Directors August 12, 2021

The following email was sent to the entire board on August 12, 2021 at 8:39 a.m.:

Good afternoon Board members –

We have two items attached for you to review and vote on.

- 1) Spring 2021 Aggregation Report
- 2) Non-Federal Share Waiver Report

Below are a few of the highlights.

Approve the Spring 2021 Aggregation Report

- BHS employed new assessment program to see how children were progressing (DRDP – Desired Results Developmental Profile)
- DRDP operates on a continuum, and captures the middle ground between beginning skills, growth, and progressing to school readiness
- 1st year using DRDP – great tool to more accurately assess the child and help the parents understand where they can help their children in
- Head Start uses DRDP to assess three times per year
- Domains: School Readiness Goals
 - Physical Development and Health
 - Motor skills – typically this area always shows kids doing well
 - Saw growth in gains in both HS and EHS Sides
 - Most of our HS kids are at or almost at Kindergarten readiness
 - General Health – saw growth in all areas across the board from Winter chart.
 - Social and Emotional Development
 - Saw gains of 13% to 20% in Social and Emotional
 - BHS focused on this section a lot in the last few years
 - EHS – self comforting – see growth
 - HS – self comforting – majority of kids are at the high-end stages
 - 32% are at kindergarten readiness
 - Literacy and Language Development
 - Great gains – 53% EHS - good growth in HS as well 40% Kindergarten ready
 - HS – more intricate areas, all show growth

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- Increases of 10% or more in communication and language from Winter to Spring
- Double digit growth in responsiveness to language
- Approaches to learning
 - Identity of self and imitation – shows how kids have grown, no regression in any areas
 - 85% of all of our kids are at the building earlier stages
 - 40% of all our kids are at the Kindergarten readiness
 - Curiosity and Interest
 - Dramatic play – 20% growth in building earlier
 - Visual Art/Drama - excellent growth from Winter to Spring
 - Focus and Problem Solving – 21% growth gains
 - Attention maintenance – 3-5 IEPs – 80% are in the final stage
 - Engagement – 45% at or nearly at Kindergarten readiness
 - Children demonstrating initiative, persistence, focus, problem solving and reflection in a variety of activities and challenges and across all settings.
- Cognition and General Knowledge
 - Math – 15% gains across the board in most areas
 - Measurements – Shapes – good growth across all domains
 - Spatial Awareness – gains of over 10% in both EHS and HS
 - 90% of our kids on IEPs are at Kindergarten Readiness
 - Natural World – gains there as well
 - Cause and Effect – great gains
- Overall – This aggregation process we go through is a measure to show where kids are at and where they might need assistance. See where they are coming in for returning children and see their growth through the new school year.
- What is going on at home and at school is working getting children ready for Kindergarten

Approve the Non-Federal Share Waiver

- Due to world-wide pandemic, understaffed lead to less kids in classroom, realizing lower In-Kind monies. As a result, we were unable to match our 20% contribution to the grant award via Non-Federal Share
- We still managed to have services in the best capacity we could
- We realized a shortfall of In-Kind monies at year end and are submitting our waiver

Please review reports and submit your votes to me prior to the August 19, 2021 meeting.

_____ I vote to approve the Spring 2021 Aggregation Report

_____ I vote to reject the Spring 2021 Aggregation Report

_____ I vote to approve the Non-Federal Share Waiver Report

_____ I vote to reject the Non-Federal Share Waiver Report

Thank you!

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Brad Brunner voted to approve the Spring 2021 Aggregation Report
Elizabeth Christian voted to approve the Spring 2021 Aggregation Report
Erin Melling voted to approve the Spring 2021 Aggregation Report
Janine Short voted to approve or the Spring 2021 Aggregation Report

Brad Brunner voted to approve the Non-Federal Share Waiver Report
Elizabeth Christian voted to approve the Non-Federal Share Waiver Report
Erin Melling voted to approve the Non-Federal Share Waiver Report
Janine Short voted to approve or the Non-Federal Share Waiver Report

Meeting adjourned.