



12/03/2013

EARLY LEARNING COALITION

6:30-7:00 PM

OF BREVARD COUNTY, INC.

DAIRY ROAD DISCOVERY CENTER
2200 DIARY RD, WEST MELBOURNE

FACILITATOR:

Sky Beard, Executive Director

IN ATTENDANCE:

Dairy Road Discovery Center, Doorway to Learning, Space Coast
Early Intervention Center, Bayside Discovery Center, Inc.

TYPE OF MEETING:

Child Care Chat

Child Care Chat is an informal discussion with Executive Director, Sky Beard. This is not a formal, mandatory Provider Meeting. It is an opportunity for those involved in early learning to get together and talk about topics of interest. Please feel free to drop by one of the following locations to chat about any questions or suggestions you may have.

Minutes

POINTS OF DISCUSSION:

- Toured the host center and providers conversed about program structure
- Discussed VPK round up locations
- Discussed the challenges of parent engagement
- Discussed School Readiness DCF referrals and provider's concern about those children not attending once they are approved for child care services
- Providers expressed concern about "free all day VPK" being offered at public schools and their concern as to why private providers aren't eligible to receive Title I funds
- Discussed a recent notification providers received about classes being offered by 4C in Brevard County; providers were very excited that their staff will no longer have to travel to other counties; providers did express concern with the cost of the courses and stated that it is significantly higher than before