

Great Start Collaborative of Jackson County  
Family Support Committee Meeting

March 10, 2022

Zoom Meeting

2:00 – 3:00 P.M.



Present: Kristin Klug, Resha Willis, Alice Walker, Brittany Wright, Bridget Griffith, and Kelly Sheppard

#### Welcome

- Group completed introductions and shared what their favorite thing about Spring is.

#### Review Minutes

- Reviewed February minutes.

#### ASQ Poster Update

- Colors were changed slightly but still need a bigger contrast. Edits to be made to the colors and to try primary colors.
- Animals will be asked to be a different category of animals than woodland animals that were used on the first poster. Maybe ask for Sea Animals or Zoo animals.

#### Playgroup

- Resha is starting back up in person playgroups at Family Service and Children's Aid on Tuesdays from 10-11:30 for families with children 5 and under.

#### Social Media/Bright by Text Recruitment Effort Update

- Jackie Barber was the winner and her prize package was delivered.
- Facebook increased by 6 followers, Instagram by 23 followers and there were 5 new sign-ups for Bright by Text.

#### Parent Needs Brainstorm Session

- Housing, Potty training, Mental Health services and support, transportation and help with gas.

- Is the language being used by families a barrier to getting help with housing?
- Background check and lack of credit scores are barriers.
- Kelly S. will set up a meeting with Laurie Ingram, and possibly Dan Mahoney later, to discuss the housing issues.

### Jackson Reads Event

- May 7, 2022 at Ella Sharp Museum
- Collaborating with Ella Sharps “Museum Days”
- 200 bags for each age band: ages 0-2, ages 3,4,5, K-1, 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>
- Each bag have 10ish books, older ages may have fewer due to larger/hardcover books.
- Free author talks/readings
- Jackson District Library will be there with their Book Mobile.
- Posters and flyers will be coming out soon!
  - Kelly S. will contact JATA for possible transportation to and from this event.

### GSRP Update

- Filled almost all of the 21-22 slots. 16-20 were not filled. We did not have to give back money but next year we may have reduced slots but can ask for more slots.
- Almost 1500 Kindergarten Kits will be put together and handed out for incoming Kindergarten students. These include letters, numbers, dry erase board, social emotional book, scissors, and an activity sheet.
- ECS’s would love to see sand and water tables to be put back to use in the classrooms. Children need these sensory experiences.
- It has been observed that children are acting out things they have seen on YouTube and other sites instead of using their own thoughts and ideas.
- Routines and schedules are still very much needed in the classroom.
- Children are displaying very big emotions.
- ECS’s are getting ready and prepping classrooms for the final evaluation.

### Member Sharing

Kristin Klug – EHS is having the largest group of transitioning children in the Fall. They are in need of pregnant moms-age 3 children. They are always enrolling.

**Next Meeting: April 14th 2:00-3:00 P.M. via Zoom**

