

**Jackson Quality Preschool GSRP Meeting**  
**Agenda –March 18, 2016**  
**1:00-3:00 p.m.**

**INTRODUCTIONS:** Meeting called to order by Brenda Davis, introducing the Connector Activity.

**Present:**

ABC Academy: Kathy Hoszkiw, Tammy Cushard, Andrea McCabe, Kim St. Charles  
CAA: Elizabeth McClain, Kristin Klug  
Columbia: Mary Ann Edwards, Pam Behling  
daVinci: Kristi Neelis  
Early Impressions: Angela Mentink  
Grass Lake:  
Little Rainbows: Allison Trapp  
Michigan Center: Kim Trudell  
Napoleon-Lil Kiddos: Tiffany Schirmacher  
Napoleon-Pirates Cove Preschool: Michelle Ault, Linda Wineland  
Northwest-  
Phoenix: Lisa Hunt  
Springport: Laura Tenney, Janis Sanford  
St. Mary:  
Vandercook Lake: Danielle Casto,  
Western: Jessica Crupi  
JCISD: Brenda Webster, Sheley Bess, Kelly Friedland, Lauren Bailey, Susan  
Townsend, Brenda Davis, Jean Allison, Kelly Sheppard

**CONNECTOR ACTIVITY: Brenda Davis**, meet someone new, discuss the topic on your card.

**REVIEW OF MINUTES FROM Feb. 2016 MEETING**

Motion to approve: Kathy Hoszkiw

Motion to second: Angela Mentink

**Approved as written.**

**BUDGET**

- **Inventory lists - Lauren**, thank you all for submissions, presently working on review. Will update again in future.
- Email re: **budget amendments**, due before Spring Break. Be cautious of 10% variance rule.
- GSRP specific PD's, events, teachers and directors can be charged 100% to grant. Other types of conferences that cover GSRP + other courses, 50% for directors, 100% for teachers, associates, aides.

**STATE UPDATES**

- **MDE ECC Conference Call Updates** - took place this week, Kelly Sheppard reported the "No child left behind act" has been re-named. Title 1 funding now including Pre-K(2016-17 school year), some new news incorporating early

childhood programs. Structure not yet definitely known. More to come.... No new news on slots.

- **MAISA ECAN Network Meeting** - Early Childhood Admin Network meeting, Brenda Davis attended yesterday. Directors from ISD's across state, reviewed pre-K and K practices. Susan attended meeting via telephone, and presented the Essential Practices in Early Literacy documents. Helping build bridges between preschool, GSRP, Early Childhood, and K-3. Consistency being built. New funding being allocated, new research, intent is to create companion documents that support your curriculums. These documents will be emailed to you.

GrapeSEED data is being gathered in our county, one more year before the data is fully analyzed . Resource conversations are progressing.

Supplemental pieces timeline - hopeful for mid June, focus before next school year begins. Evolution of state literacy grants discussed.

Research has come from actual classroom observance and data. Research has come from across the country, great gains for Michigan.

**PALS PROFESSIONAL LEARNING COMPONENT - Brenda-** demonstration of the administration of the PALS assessment. Sounds, pictures, language. Scoring explained, comparisons before, and at end of Kindergarten.

**ECS UPDATE-See ECS Report - See handout.** Sheley reviewed some of the hi-lites: PQA, ECS updates, be sure to call your ECS at any time if questions. Some great suggestions regarding goals on the handout. Suggestions for low priced classroom resources discussed, Salvation Army, public library, Toy House has "loaner" resources. Staffing challenges and substitutes in general discussed, if you have successful tips, please share with group/your ECS. ISD is here to help and support you.

**Jean** reviewed positive feedback from all regarding recent PD and Special Ed Referrals/ information. Process is running smoothly and progress is seen. Great collaboration. Reminded all to advocate for yourselves, share your good news and "stories" of your great work.

## **DATA UPDATES & CENTRAL REGISTRY**

- **Interest Form** - Live (2016-17) Kelly Friedland reports that intake forms have increased in number over last year.
- **Talking Point for program Secretarial Staff** - handouts, will email to you again, provide to all telephone staff.
- **Confirmation Letter**
- **Who to call** - 517-768-5130 is the hotline # (Jackson County Pre-School hotline, english and spanish options, message option is available)

## **SLOT DISTRIBUTION**

- **Process** - similar to last year, approx July 1 (same as last year) the slots will be announced.
- **Slot Allocation Rubric** - handout
- **Update on release dates**
  - **Head Start April 1st, 2016-** longer time period to connect with families
- **MDE Process Review**
- **Concord Schools** questionnaire will be coming soon, looking for a partner program.
- **Early Childhood Fair** - consider adding an **Income Verification time** for those that have completed the intake form, an invitation with the required information needed would be extended. Timeframe for Fair: Weekday afternoon/early p.m. early May, same location; Immanuel Lutheran Church. Kelly will work on this and send more info soon.

**SCHOOL READINESS COMMITTEE STATUS & NEWS** - Kelly Sheppard updated, (handout) Countywide definition, presented to today's Superintendent meeting, supportive. Next step- make available to community, transitions, work being done on these. Activity pack kits - the plan is to do a rapid release of the 1,000 kits that we have, reach out to all Elementary Principals, identify a "transition team" that will share what practices they are using, we will work with them and make kits available for distribution.

## **INDIVIDUAL REPORTS**

**Other:** Common Calendars discussed, Dates are adjustable, you may keep your same start dates.

From Jean: Reception in the President's room at the MIEYC conference, everyone over the age of 21 invited to participate in the wine and cheese reception.

**NEXT MEETING: April 15, 2016 from 1:00-3:00.**

