

Great Start Collaborative of Jackson County
School Readiness Committee Meeting
October 17th, 2017
4:00-5:00 pm
Family Service and Children's Aid



Present: Tammy Cushard, Jackie Barber, Kathy Hoszkiw, Cathy Brubaker, Brenda Webster, Kristy Wood, Stasia Milligan, Stephanie Denney, Lisa Hunt, Andrea McCabe, Mary Belknap, Kelly Friedland, Jen Ganzel, Chrissy Blackwell

1. Welcome & Introductions

- Completed introductions and shared an accomplishment for the day.

2. Review September Minutes

- Group reviewed minutes.

3. Discussion regarding McCulloch closing and preschool needs/future classroom placements

- Jackie Barber shared that there are two classrooms that are being moved to the Annex.
- Already have moved 1st and 2nd grades.

4. Early Childhood Specialist Update (PD offerings, findings, successes, challenges)

- Cathy Brubaker shared information about the upcoming math PD set for October 23rd.
 - Math has continually been a low point in the county.
 - Will focus on children ages 0-5.
 - PD will focus on hands-on activities and take-home projects.
 - Developing what number sets are, comparing and sorting (most important skills to develop before counting).
- Second math PD will be offered in the winter.
 - This second offering will tie in literacy.
 - Teachers are currently collecting data, so data will be reported at the winter PD.

- **GSRP classrooms and IEP children**
 - Currently meeting with Special Education to discuss roles and getting Special Education aides in the classrooms.
 - It would be a good idea to get teachers together before classes even begin to look at IEP goals.

5. GSRP Age Eligibility

- Senate bill has been passed by both the House and Senate (not yet signed by the Governor) to enroll children with September 1 – December 1 birthdates.
 - This will be good for us to fill openings and to close the gap.
 - We do not currently have a time frame of when it will go into effect.

6. GSRP Transportation Fund Requests

- 17-18 Transportation Funding Request data sheet was shared.
 - Funding for Concord Schools would cover the installation of 15, 5-point harnesses to ensure safety.

7. Announcements

- Chrissy Blackwell shared that the Great Start Collaborative would like to start collecting photos of children for a stock photo bank. These photos can be used for our newsletters, blog, website, and social media accounts.
 - The current photo release form that the GSRP teachers are using doesn't include GSC use in the language.
 - The GSC photo release form was sent to all GSRP teachers and it would be great if teachers could get signatures at parent teacher conferences so we can begin sharing.
 - We will work on updating the language for next year so there is only one form for parents to sign.
- Jen Ganzel shared that the Safety Community Fair held in September was a success. Safetyville was present and the kids loved it!
 - Next fair will be December 1st and will be a family crafting night for the holidays. Children from Early Head Start will be the first to be invited, so advertising of the event will not take

place until after it is known how many Early Head Start children will be attending.

- Kristy Wood shared upcoming events at Child Care Network
 - Power of Puppets – October 26th from 6:30 – 9 pm. Spots are still open.
 - CPR classes are being held October 28th from 9-12:30 pm at the United Way. There are 7 openings and the cost is \$45.00.
- The November School Readiness meeting is cancelled due to the Thanksgiving holiday week.
- Possibility of moving our meetings to a new location, with a new date and time of Friday am.

Next meeting: December 19th, 2017 from 4:00-5:00 pm at Family Service and Children's Aid