

Great Start Collaborative of Jackson County
School Readiness Committee Meeting
September 19th, 2017
4:00-5:00 pm
Family Service and Children's Aid



Present: Kristy Wood, Brenda Webster, Bob Powell, Jean Allison, Wendy Bell, Tammy Cushard, Cathy Brubaker, Jackie Barber, Kelly Sheppard, Kelly Friedland, Chrissy Blackwell

1. Welcome & Introductions

- Completed introductions

2. Review August Minutes

- Group reviewed August minutes

3. Preschool Slot Award Listing

- Listing of which partners (sites) were awarded which number of slots.

Also includes the number of classrooms per site.

- Grass Lake increased to 16 children
- Vandercook moved to a full day program
- Napoleon moved to 16 slots
- Dibble is new (increase at ABC)
- Reviewed the current openings. We currently have slots still available.
 - Facebook ad has been set up, flyers went to elementary schools to go home with families, and schools sent announcement in newsletters.

4. Preschool Enrollment Conversation

- Discussed the sliding fee scale "tuition" for GSRP for families with an income above 250% FPL.

5. Classroom Management Training Update

- As a joint effort between Special Education and GSRP, training had a focus on physical structure – examining reasons why is this child having this behavior?
- 64 GSRP staff registered
- Great feedback from the group AND the presenters
- Future thoughts – Need to get special education aides that are in GSRP rooms into the trainings. There are more aides this year in the GSRP rooms.

6. Implementation Manual Changes

- Most changes were clarifying changes
- More specific about assessments
- Teaching teams will be working on becoming more intentional with technology
- Coloring books are not allowed (no imagination), letter of the week is not happening anymore

7. Committee Member Updates

Next meeting: October 17th, 2017 from 4:00-5:00 pm at Family Service and Children's Aid