

Great Start Collaborative of Jackson County
School Readiness Committee Meeting
January 16, 2019
2:00-3:00 P.M.
Family Service and Children's Aid



Present: Jean Allison, Cathy Brubaker, Jackie Barber, Kristin Wimsatt, Lisa Hunt, Cindy Spiess, Mary Belknap, Megan Brown, Irene LeCrone, Kelly Friedland, and Kelly Sheppard

Welcome & Introductions

- Completed introductions and an inclusion activity

Review October Minutes

- Bullet points typed up and will provide those in the future

Early Childhood Specialist Data

- Have the ability to aggregate county wide data.
- 80% of the kids are below phonological awareness and 50% below in mathematics.
- Will be working with the teachers on training them on the pre-k literacy essentials.
- PQR has more components broken out and scores may be lower even though teacher practices.
- Would like to have cross work going between this group and the core curriculum work.
- Library is a good resource to partner with this group.
- Technology use in early childhood should be studied.
- The library was looking into offering adult literacy.

Updates from Family Support

- Family Support committee has been looking a communicating social emotional awareness.
- Make sure that families understand the terms being used on the posters.
- The title social emotional may deter parents or break down with what social emotional means.
- Tell parents why such as explaining terms such as routine.

- This group has concerns about the vocabulary used on the ASQ posters.

Ready to Succeed in School

- Parents struggle to identify needs
- Lack of knowledge for parents on child development
- Mindset that preschool is not important or is daycare
- Special Education staff, pre-K teachers do not have training
 - Would need to have additional information.

Member Sharing:

Shared some concerns about behaviors of children in classrooms.