



Great Start Collaborative of Jackson County
School Readiness Committee Meeting
October 16, 2019
2:00pm – 3:00pm
Family Services & Children's Aid

Present: John Denney, Stephanie Denney, Nancy Peters-Lewis, Corey Duncan, Jackie Barber, Tinelle De Young, Jennifer Ganzel, Mary Belknap, Chrissy Blackwell, Kelly Sheppard, and Kelly Friedland

Welcome and Introductions

- Completed introductions and an inclusion activity.

Review September Minutes

- Group reviewed the September minutes.

GSRP Update/Conversation

- State budget has been signed.
- There was not additional funding put in per pupil funding, but more slots were made available.
- Still openings in Head Start and GSRP.
- Collaboration with special education/new process
 - Intentionality on how we place children who had current IEPs.
 - GSRP and Special Education staff had conversations about each child with an IEP.

Mental Health Endowment Fund work to help children connect with services

- Someone will be available who can come in and work with families and connecting them to services.

Kindergarten Transition Work

- Make the new alphabet chart more vibrant photos
- Paragon has not been given kits in the past.
- If you participated in this committee and the transition work.
- Reach out to the John George Foundation about funding kindergarten transitions kits.

Literacy tip focused bookmarks

- Have 1,000 literacy tip bookmarks being printed.
- They will be going in the Little Free Library books.