

Great Start Collaborative of Jackson County
School Readiness Committee Meeting
September 18, 2019
2:00-3:00 P.M.
Family Service and Children's Aid



Present: Jackie Barber, Bruce McCranie, Felicia McCranie, Corey Duncan, Megan Brown, Mary Belknap, Jean Allison, Wendy Bell, Cathy Brubaker, Chrissy Blackwell, and Kelly Friedland

Welcome & Introductions

- Completed introductions

Review June Minutes

- Correct some name spellings.

Strategy Development

- 32p work plan was provided with the goals for the Great Start Collaborative.
- School Readiness works on goal four.
- Group reviewed the School Readiness kits.
- Make sure all kits have parent guides.
- Stephanie Denney had a list of different ideas to do with kids.
- Foam alphabet letters were received positively. Additional idea to use it as a puzzle.
- 10 frame: put directions on a sticker and attach it to the 10 frame.
- Blank book: Suggestions to make more own blank book. Maybe even smaller with less pages and have more than one. Include information about how the child is the author.
- Biscuit Goes to School: Like the repetitions of Biscuit and woof-woof.
- Scissors, crayons, and the glue stick
- Suggestions: to include a puzzle
- Add a QR code for a survey.
- Suggestion to get numbers from schools of how many came to round up.

GSRP Update

- Slot awards/New partners
 - 56 openings in GSRP and Head Start has 3 and 4 year old openings.

- Suggested using parent testimonials in advertisements
- Brought on a new partner this year Lisa's Imagination Station.
- State budget
 - Still do not have a signed state budget.

Challenging Behavior Process

- There have been especially challenging behaviors.
- 2 week touch back with families after school starts.
- Front loading where the teachers can't expect children to use skills they haven't taught.

Membership Updates/Questions

- Corey Duncan: 9/26 75th Anniversary and ribbon cutting at new building 306 W. Michigan Ave., 10/5 5k run, and 10/19 cash bash
- Megan Brown: Walmart is giving away \$30 gift cards for car seats.