

School Readiness Advisory Committee Minutes for Feb. 23, 2017

Members Present: Michelle Nicholson, Gloria Sabourin, Corrie Mervyn, Barb Monroe, Jennifer McCaffrey, Thais Rousseau, Wendy Boyce, Laurie Linscott, Kim Fiebert, and Jamie Yeomans

Opening: November 2016 minutes were approved.

Ingham Early Learning Calendar Update:

Feedback from parents has been positive in IPLG and SPOM groups. Corrie shared at training with OYC licensed and unlicensed home providers. She discussed how home providers could use with kids and families, as well as how activities might look for different age groups. Jennifer distributed to Family and Child Charities and will provide feedback at the May meeting. Thais reported that calendars are handed out after storytimes. CADL will also have a table at the Baby Fair where calendars can be distributed. Wendy presented the calendar at Stepping Up Together meeting and received good feedback from the teen parents. She will follow-up regarding an opportunity to present in May on literacy and the calendar.

An additional order for 5000 more calendars was already made. Eight school districts have purchased calendars to distribute to their early childhood families. Thais is working with Cedar Street Pediatrics to determine a method of distribution. The SRAC approved giving them 100 calendars to pilot distributing at the one year well-check visit, with the option to continuing purchasing at 65 cents/calendar.

Efforts will be made to distribute to the following Tier 2 organizations: Shared Pregnancy (Jessica), licensing orientation for

new providers (Barb), and DHS Foster Parents (Michelle).

A few revisions for future calendars were given to Thais. The Feb. East Lansing Children's concert series changed months. The Lansing parks and rec website has changed.

Kindergarten Readiness Packets:

The Kindergarten Readiness Packets have been sent to Curriculum Directors and Preschool Staff in order to encourage them to distribute at Kindergarten Round-ups this Spring. The packets will also be made available to GSRP classrooms.

Pre-K Essential Instructional Practices in Early Literacy:

Corrie reported that a Statewide Early Childhood/K-5 Task Force has been meeting to develop standards across the Pre- K to 3rd grade classrooms for essential instructional practices. The SRAC reviewed the purpose and 10 Essential Practices in Early Literacy.

Joint Preschool Application:

Wendy reported that the 2017-18 application is live on-line. They are currently in the process of rolling over all age eligible kids to the 2017-18 school year. There is now a FAQ section, as well as a preferred method of contact section. On March 16 and April 20th, Wendy will be on-site at Summerplace to enroll kids for the 2017-18 school year. All children must be 4 years by Sept. 1, 2017, no waivers will be accepted. The Governor has also proposed that no over income kids be allowed to enroll.

GSRP Responsibilities:

Corrie reported that the Ingham GSRP program was audited and had just received their Fiscal letter with reported "no corrective action" needed. Congratulations to the GSRP staff on a job well done!

Next Meeting:

The next SRAC meeting will be on Thursday, May 18, 2017 from 4:00 – 6:00 pm at Harley Franks.