

SCHOOL READINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes – Nov. 30, 2017

4:00 – 6:00 pm

Donley Elementary School

2961 East Lake Lansing Road

East Lansing, MI 48823

I. Introductions/Approval of Sept. minutes

- a. Members present: Michelle Sabo, Jamie Yeomans, Laurie Linscott, Mary Jo Wegenke, Corrie Mervyn, Michelle Nicholson, Kim Fiebertz, Gloria Sabourin, Lucy McClintic, Wendy Boyce, Marisela Garza, Nicole Greiter and visiting teacher Kathryn Sutton.

II. Teacher/Parent Voice: What do you do before the school year starts or within the first week to help children and their families get ready for Kindergarten?

- a. Kathryn Sutton explained the Kindergarten Roundup and First Week Transition Procedures followed by the East Lansing School District. (See attached)

III. District Feedback:

- a. Kindergarten Roundup Procedures – see attached
- b. First Week Transition Procedures – see attached

IV. Review GSC Website/SRAC Alignment with Strategic Plan

- a. Archive old meeting notes
- b. Add updated meeting notes and agendas
- c. Review the transition documents at next meeting and create a folder to store
- d. Change the contact information on the page, make sure the Our Work Page matches the Workgroup home page
- e. Remove “In addition to the Agenda” heading
- f. Add the updated version “Please review this document” Kindergarten Entrance Assessment
- g. Update Kindergarten Tools Guide for Parents, Do we add a link to Family Learning Connection?
- h. Update Pre-Kindergarten Experience Information document
- i. Add testimonials from parents
- j. Link to the K readiness packet in the other languages (keep color scheme consistent like LSD)
- k. Add a badge for the calendar on the side of the page

V. Trusted Advisors Grant Update – Translated Materials

- a. The Ingham Early Learning Calendar has been translated in 5 languages
 - i. The translation is in progress for two additional languages
- b. Great Start Collaborative has applied for another round of the Trusted Advisors Grant
- c. Is there some support that can be provided in order to assure that Kindergarteners are enrolled before fall?
 - i. Lansing SD will pilot an online registration for the 2017/2018 school year – online will be faster and transportation will be notified sooner.

- ii. Could GSRP/Head Start have a family meeting to help transfer/enroll children
- iii. Are other districts having issues with enrollment? Should our committee research to find out and suggest supports?
- iv. Lansing Schools Showcase Program is scheduled for February 25, 2018
- v. Lansing Schools Kindergarten Roundup is scheduled for March 15, 2018

VI. Ingham Early Learning Calendar Update

- a. Reprint is scheduled for Fall 2018
- b. Calendars available:
 - i. Marisela has 6.5 boxes available for pick up, Corrie has 1.5 boxes, we have 2000 for purchase
 - ii. Wendy would like to give 15 calendars to Stepping up Together and 15 calendars to Young Pregnant Moms at Cristo Rey
- c. Distribution- agency numbers
 - i. Jamie sent a reminder to members to follow-up with groups they have distributed calendars to. More calendars can be obtained from Michelle or Marisela.
- d. Pilot Cedar Street Pediatrics at 1 year check – is 15 mos. working?
 - i. This is still working and no more calendars are currently needed

VII. Kindergarten Readiness Packet – Fall Distribution for PreK Conferences

- a. Holt passed out to the packet at fall conferences.

VIII. Joint Preschool Application - Funding Update

- a. On November 1, 2017, a law was passed stating that children turning four-years-old, with birthdates September 2nd – December 1st are eligible to enroll in GSRP Programs. They cannot enroll until after September 1st (This includes over-income families.) This fall there were 300 open spots (150 children) that had not been filled before the law passed. In order to fill these openings as soon as possible, emails were sent, hard copies mailed and robo-calls were made. Currently, almost all programs are full.

IX. GSRP Responsibilities (Update)

- a. See Above

X. Closing: Next meeting is scheduled for Feb. 22, 2018 from 4:00 – 6:00 pm. Location TBD.