

School Readiness Advisory Committee

Minutes for Feb. 22, 2018

Members Present: Wendy Boyce, Michelle Nicholson, Kim Fiebert, Nicole Greiter, Laurie Linscott, Marisela Garza, Gloria Sabourin, and Jamie Yeomans

Opening: November 2017 minutes were approved.

MI Model for Early Childhood Health: The committee reviewed the MI model for Early Childhood Health, which MDE developed to align with K-12. The curriculum has the following four modules: Social and Emotional health, Physical Activity and Nutrition, Safety, and Personal Health and Wellness. For additional information, contact www.mmhclearinghouse.org or 1-888-517-6195.

GSC – SRAC Webpage Update: The committee reviewed the current SRAC webpage and made recommendations for changes and additions. Jamie will follow-up with Jodi Spicer to have the changes made. Due to time constraints, the committee decided to review and update the Kindergarten Transition Toolkit section of the webpage at a future meeting.

Kindergarten Readiness Packets: Michelle shared the translated versions of the Kindergarten Readiness Packet. It is now available in the following 6 languages: Arabic (green), Burmese (yellow), English, Nepali (orange), Spanish (red), and Vietnamese (salmon). All versions are

available on the SRAC webpage. Michelle also shared that the Ingham Early Learning Calendar is also being translated into the above languages and will be complete at the end of March. The translated calendars will also be made available on the SRAC webpage. Several local districts have expressed a need for materials to be translated in additional languages such as Chinese, Japanese, and Hindi. The committee decided that additional information is needed regarding the numbers of families requiring each language before any decision can be made.

Kindergarten Round-Up: The list of local district Kindergarten Round-Up dates will be posted on the GSC website. The committee discussed and updated the Pre-Kindergarten Experience Information Sheet. The SRAC would like to gather data regarding the number of children participating in an educational experience before Kindergarten. An attempt will be made to pilot this questionnaire with a few districts yet this Spring.

GSRP Responsibilities: No update.

The following agenda items were not discussed due to lack of time and will be moved to the May agenda: Livingston County Kindergarten Summit, District Responses to Kindergarten Round-up/transition week.

Closing: Next meeting is scheduled for May 24, 2018 from 4:00 – 6:00 pm. Location TBD.