

School Readiness Advisory Minutes

November 27th, 2018

Present: Renee Gillespie (Belding Teacher), Chelsey Fitz (GSRP Teacher), Jessica Murphy (ICGSC), Holly Blastic (Portland Parent), Holly Nichols (Early On), Cheryl Granzo (Early On), Angie McLouth (GSRP), Sally Kapteyn (ICGSC)

- I. Welcome and Introductions
- II. GSC Updates – Sally Kapteyn
 - a. *There are 3 new focuses at the State level*
 - i. *Connecting Early Childhood to K-12*
 - ii. *Looking at the “Whole Child”*
 - iii. *Literacy Essentials*
 - b. *Changes to the GSC structure*
 - i. *The ICGSC budget has been cut due to changes in funding at the State level. We updated our Action Agenda to reflect the cuts.*
 - ii. *The Executive Committee will be putting together a Collaborative Decision making model to make decisions regarding how the ICGSC uses the money allotted for Early Childhood Programming starting in FY20.*
 - c. *The Kellogg Foundation is distributing grant funds to developed Shared Services Hubs in communities across the State. These hubs will help address childcare issues in Michigan and each community will put together a group to decide what that looks like.*
 - d. *The Transition to Kindergarten program is up and running for this coming Kindergarten Round Up Season. Sally is scheduling meetings with Administrators in the local districts. The focus this year will be on relationships, alignment and shared understanding.*
 - e. Parent Coalition – Jessica Murphy
 - i. *RWS events are coming up at libraries in Lake Odessa, Ionia, Saranac, and Clarksville. See Flyer*
 - ii. *Holiday Bash at the Armory on December 19th, check Facebook for more information.*
- III. Early On – Cheryl Granzo

- a. *LICC – Stephanie and Jessica had their 2nd round of visits with the SHARE program. We spoke about the coaching model that Early On uses and how they can receive services in their Natural Environment. See attached report for more info.*

- IV. Playgroups – Cheryl Granzo
 - a. *A new attendance policy was put into place and seems to be working well.*
 - b. *Due to new safety procedures, Ionia Families will need to enter through the front door of the Middle School and walk through the school to the Playgroup classrooms.*

- V. DPIL – Cheryl Granzo
 - a. *Looking for stories to write into the grant, please share them with Cheryl.*
 - b. *Working on new messaging, should have soon.*

- VI. ECSE – Cheryl Granzo
 - a. *Working on mentoring*
 - b. *SEEDS training is coming up*

- VII. Trainings Opportunities-SEEDS training, December 3rd

- VIII. GSRP
 - A. *Literacy Essentials – Sally is being trained to teach the Literacy Essentials, the 0-3 Literacy Essentials will be coming out soon.*
 - B. *KRA – Working to gather data as this year’s testing is done, in order to drive instruction.*
 - C. *Enrollment updates/October Count – 2 opening in Belding, one in Ionia.*
 - D. *3 yr. old GSRP – It sounds as though the State is moving forward with 3-year-old GSRP.*
 - E. *Kindergarten transition meetings with local principals*

- IX. Roundtable
 - a. *Meredith (8Cap), sent in a report –*
 - i. *The last Community of Practice was fantastic.*
 - ii. *8Cap is in the portables at the ISD, and with the changes coming to Freedom Acres, they will need to find a permanent space in Ionia.*
 - iii. *They have had quite a bit of staff turnover.*

- iv. *The Administration offices have been moved into the Orleans locations, getting settled.*
- v. *Working on Conscious Discipline and poverty training.*
- b. *Angie – Lots of staff turnover, working on interviewing potential new staff*
- c. *Cheryl – Hosting a Coaching training on Friday.*
- d. *Holly – She and other Portland parents have started “Portland Backpacks for Bellies” a weekend food program. Check their Facebook page for more info.*
- e. *Chelsey – Her teaching assistant got a new job, and she has new cubbies!*
- f. *Renee – Doing themed 20 minute rotations through each of the kindergarten classrooms, expose kids to other environments. Will have 12 throughout the year. Also working on service learning projects.*

Next meeting: January 22nd, 2019

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5 Sessions, 2 in Belding 3 in Ionia

23 Parents/Caregivers

We reminded the attendees about our discussion about their rights from last time and let them know that their suggestions were taken to heart. Early On providers will start going over the “Know Your Rights” hand out at the 6-month review.

We showed the groups how to sign up for the new Facebook pages and group that are now available.

We did a review of the Primary Service Provider, Coaching, and Services handouts and asked for feedback on the coaching model.

- Parents said it takes about 3-5 visits to get comfortable enough with their provider to practice in front of them.
- The first few visits were a little awkward.
- A visual reminder for the parents of what they are working on would be helpful.
- Try to keep an open mind.
- Parents get uncomfortable when their child acts out

We then talked a bit more about what providing services in the families Natural Environment looks like and had the parents/caregivers fill out a daily schedule to help them find a few different opportunities.