

Great Start Collaborative (GSC) Meeting Agenda March 15, 2021 via Zoom



Attendees:

Abbey LoPresto, DHHS
Stefanie Rathburn, GSC
Mindy Wilson, HCISD
Kayla Horton, HCISD
Barb Brick, CPIF MIHP
Linda Wise, HCISD
Trista Rink, CAA

Wendy Playford, GSC
Mari Nunez, Counseling/Consulting
Shelley Ellis, Hillsdale Comm. Schools
Laura Orłowski, Jonesville District Library
Kaitlyn Reese, HCISD
Sara Clark, Parent
Lanae Baker, Parent

Jen Houston, Highfields
Kristy Wood, Child Care Network
Shawn Vondra, Hillsdale Comm. Schools
Angela Turner, CAA
Darcy Affholter, Reading Comm. Schools
Marylou Sitkiewicz, Litchfield Schools
Hillary Zimmerman, Hillsdale Hospital

I. Welcome/Introductions

II. GSC Office Updates

A. Director Report

1. Setting the Stage for 2021-2022 Work Plans
 - a) Initial steps in planning for writing next year's work plans
 - b) 2 questions posed to the group presented in a google form link
 - (1) only had 7 responses so far
 - (2) will resend link
 - (3) looking for personal input as well as any staff meeting discussion, parents, friends, etc., as long as they are Hillsdale county residents or work in Hillsdale County, we'd appreciate their input
 - c) Extended through end of the month
2. Executive Committee will look at results to guide moving forward with our planning
3. Meeting structure survey
 - a) End of every year we take a survey to look at our current meeting structure and planning for next year and what our schedule will look like
 - b) Should be coming out by end of April

B. Parent Liaison Report

1. PLAY events (bags picked up by families with stories and activities to do with their kids)
 - a) February had 22 families with 30 kids in addition to the 34 bags for the Early Head Start partnership. Those home visitors are providing directly to their families who don't attend the pick-up
 - b) March PLAYpick-up is set for 3/23 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at lower level of Hayes
2. Parent Meetings
 - a) Tomorrow at 6:30 recorded interview with Julia in closed Facebook group
 - b) Julia Cook interview
 - (1) how to teach social skills with your kids
 - (2) Julia Cook will be doing a book reading

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- c) You can join the Julia Cook Facebook page anytime. Videos are there to review at any time. We only have 2 weeks to keep up on GSC facebook site.
- d) HCISD Literacy Team has the 2nd family activity challenge posted! Check it out. It's on the GSC facebook page. Please like and share!

III. Honoring Child Care Providers Follow Up

A. Bulleted list shared on brainstorm ideas

- 1. Thank you videos
- 2. May 7th is Child Care Provider Appreciation Day - gift box kick off to each center with cleaning, self-care, and developmental toys, books and resources
- 3. Partnering with Jackson Hillsdale Infant Mental Health Chapter - they can help with this initiative
- 4. Celebration in the park
- 5. Handwritten thank you notes
- 6. Honor the way providers go above and beyond
- 7. Parent thank you quotes
 - a) Clarify- would these be posted?
 - b) Nice to be acknowledged by a stranger, but getting from parents they work with might be more appreciated.
- 8. Radio spots highlighting child care providers
- 9. Video clips honoring them as well
- 10. Spotlighting child care providers
- 11. Relationship to networking opportunities for child care providers (trusted advisors funding)

B. Narrow down and then subcommittee will decide

C. Child care centers? Family homes?

- 1. Talked about just homes, not centers.
- 2. Not sure there has been a full decision on this.
- 3. Have to talk numbers and cost as well
- 4. Numbers may provide more information on what we can do

D. Early Care/Learning & Literacy subcommittee will take input to plan

E. Can keep this list and use it for future. Could be an annual focus

IV. Subcommittee Reports

A. Community Resources

- 1. Angela Turner will join as a co-chair with Andrea Bricker
- 2. Looking to expand and add new section to resource guide
 - a) Faith based community
 - b) Working on draft communication with an invitation for them to include their information to our resource guide

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- B. Early Care/Learning & Literacy
 - 1. Data Dive Meeting April 16th 9-11 via zoom. Would love anyone interested to join us.
 - C. Pediatric & Family Health
 - 1. Prenatal bookmarks going to print! Will be distributed soon.
 - 2. Promoting text 4 babies - initiative to come
- V. Data Dive Summary - Linda Wise
- A. ASQ data dive- very informative
 - 1. Gross Motor and Personal Social skills are strengths
 - 2. Fine Motor and Communication are areas of needs
 - 3. Set goals for improvement county-wide
 - a) home visiting community promote fine motor in the homes
 - b) google folder shared to educators to collect information and activities, ideas to increase fine motor skills
 - c) Developmental Progression sheet to help parents/caregivers know the fine motor skill progression so they know what to expect and what activities they can do to help them get to the next level
 - 4. Review fall checkpoints, ASQ entry, and perceptions of teachers.
- VI. Community Updates
- A. Local Interagency Coordinating Council (LICC)
 - 1. We are currently servicing 96 students and families.
 - 2. Providing hybrid visit options that include virtual, drop-in or mobile classroom services depending on student and family needs
 - 3. Continue to work with the health department on recommendations for home visiting
 - 4. We have limited daily visits, PPE requirements and sanitization methods.
 - B. School Readiness
 - 1. Preschool Connect is coming the week of April 12th-16th. Virtual event that kicks-off our 21-22 preschool recruitment and enrollment efforts. The event will have a variety of engaging posts each day. Takes place on our Preschool Connect Facebook Page.
<https://www.facebook.com/HCPreschoolConnect>
 - 2. School Readiness Advisory Committee (SRAC) met last Friday to discuss recruitment and enrollment
 - a) Online application opens April 12th
 - b) First round of rollouts will happen the first week of June.
 - c) Increasing parent communications through Child Plus and Facebook to reassure parents and keep them connected.
 - C. Agency Updates - none shared

Next Meeting...April 19th

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