

FRONTIER HUB ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES
OCTOBER 25, 2017
PHONE IN MEETING

Board Members Attending: Sharon Davis, Courtney McMullen, Rhonda Holtby, Elise Adams, Charissa Moulton.

Board Members Absent: Jessica Winegar, Linda Watson, Teresa Aasness

Guests Present: Scott Smith

ADHOC Members Attending: Patty Dorroh, Donna Schnitker, Patti Wright, Megan Brandsma

Quorum Present: Yes_ X_ No_____

Call to Order By Donna Schnitker	@ 12.10 Pm
Welcome & Purpose of meeting:	
<p>Approval of August 29th minutes</p> <p>Donna Schnitker Review of data collection process.</p> <p>Charissa Moulton asked if we might give her individual program data so that she may add waitlisted students to her EI/ECSE preschool, they could be added as typical peers.</p>	<p>A motion to approve the minutes of the August 29th board meeting was made by Courtney McMullen and seconded by Sharon Davis. Minutes are approved as written.</p> <p>Donna explained that the Hub had hired an epidemiologist to gather and collate state data. Due to the small size of our region the samples collected were of no significant value. But some useful information was obtained in the process.</p> <p>We also collected local data from individual programs in the region. This is very reliable and up-to-date. We collected ethnic demographics, free and reduced lunch users, and children that were waitlisted for preschool programs.</p> <p>Patti will send this data to her.</p>

Review of Priority areas chosen at last meeting. Donna

- Home visits to parents of incoming kindergarteners.
- ASQ screenings for all 0-6 year olds.
- Kindergarten Move-Up Day.
- Kits sent home with children for the summer containing kindergarten ready materials and activities.
- Collect Kindergarten assessment scores yearly.

Group Discussion & Input for activities:

Donna reviewed the handout containing the 3 priority areas that the board had chosen in the last meeting.

#1 Kindergarten Readiness: She reviewed all activities currently happening and asked the group for suggestions or additions.

Patty Dorroh: liked the concept of home visits with kindergarten parents by the kindergarten teacher wanted the Hub to pursue adding home visits in Harney County. Donna stated that her conversations with new administration at Slater were positive and that process is evolving.

Sharon Davis explained a process of kindergarten transition in Astoria that was a week long and the benefits of such a program. Donna explained that our Hubs system was shorter but with some of the same results.

Donna talked about the possibility of adding a kinder boot camp during the summer to help those children with no preschool experience and those who needed a little extra help. Rhonda asked how we could reach out to those children who had no preschool experience. Donna explained that we felt like we were capturing most of the kids through ads in the newspaper and by recommending waitlisted children to other programs.

Rhonda offered a suggestion that an event be held where parents and children could meet the kindergarten teachers prior to school starting, such as an ice cream social or watermelon feed.

Group Discussion & Input for activities:

Donna: We are looking for new ways to engage parents in activities.

- Offer quality parenting classes.
- Promote parent readiness for kindergarten during parent meeting and parent café's.
- Distribute Vroom materials & offer training when needed.

Rhonda made a suggestion that activities could be posted on the Tribes Facebook page to better reach parents. The group approved this as a parent engagement activity

Donna reviewed the activities:

- 1-2 professional trainings offered yearly
- Cross training opportunities between preschool & Kindergarten Classrooms.
- Facilitate yearly meetings between Pre-k & Kindergarten teachers to discuss curriculum.

Donna said that there would be more information offered at the next meeting regarding the remaining priority areas.

#2 Parent Engagement

The handout list was reviewed with members and suggestions were welcomed.

Turnout for the parent café's has not been good.

Rhonda: Explained that she had offered to hold parent Café's at Tawokanobi .

Sharon Asked if the Hub would be providing tools for parents to improve early literacy skills. Donna explained that we offer Vroom, Conscious Discipline tips, and giveaways.

Donna provided information about the OPEC grant that the Hub will be applying for and the impact it could make for our parents.

#3 professional Development & Training shared between Early Learning & Kindergarten Teachers and Staff.

No suggestions were offered by board members.

Motion to approve our activities was made by Sharon Davis & seconded by Rhonda Holtby. Motion carried.

Next meeting will be held in the early part of January

Meeting adjourned 12:55PM