Great Start Collaborative Meeting Minutes
February 26th, 2016
Roscommon Middle School

Members present:

Carmen Michels, Grayling GSRP
Amy Coulter, GSC Parent Liaison
Stephanie Robinson, HLUMC Preschool
Chris Tappan, GSC Coordinator
Deann Gross, COOR EC Specialist
Kristen Hamp, HL GSRP
Heather Benson, CHA GSRP
Jennifer Henegariu, Grayling GSRP Parent Rep
Elizabeth Shea, RAPS GSRP
Sara Schroeder, RAPS GSRP
Jodee Money, FENP
Angela Erber, RCN Parent Rep
Michelle Schepke, RCN
Elizabeth Burtis, Parent Rep
Phoned In:
Pam Kauffman, HL Parent Rep
Amber Kuhn, Good Shepherd CDC
Kristen Carrick-Myers, HLUMC Preschool
Emmily Perry, HLUMC Preschool
Ashley Lawrence, CHA GSRP
Kim Cherven, CMDHD
Michele Cochrane, COOR ISD Early On
Desiree Lipski, GSTQNERC
Shelley Hubbard, CTC/CHS
Stephanie Hansen, River House Inc.
Denise Hodges, WBRC Schools
Tiffany Duff, FENP
Melissa Hayes, COOR ISD Gen Ed Director
Katie Keith, COOR ISD EC Specialist
Debra Mosier, RCN
Atisha Lzwerski, WBRC Parent Rep
Kathryn VanWormer, GSRP Parent Rep

I. Call to order at 9:41am
II. Welcome and introductions by Chris, GSC Coordinator
   a. Review and approval of minutes from December 11, 2015 GSC meeting.
   b. Motion to approve minutes by Michele Cochrane, 2nd by Katie Keith, minutes approved

III. The GSC Meeting scheduled for August 2016 has been rescheduled for September 30th in order to get more parents to the table.

IV. GSRP Updates:
- It is projected that there are 440 eligible for GSRP next year. 40 of them will not be served so we asked for 784 slots next year to close the gap.
- We will more than likely be held harmless for next year.
- Legislation has proposed a hard cut off of Sept 1st for GSRP, which would affect 46 GSRP "gap" kids in our area.

- The GSC voted a unanimous yes to serve those 46 children in another year of GSRP.

V. Iosco County CNAA: Next year, requesting 94 GSRP slots, 50 would be blended with Head Start.

VI. The GSC read the article "Stop Trying to Make Kids "Ready" for Kindergarten" by Kristie Pretti-Frontczak, PhD. While reading the article, the GSC was instructed to pick a sentence that stands out, a phrase that stands out and a word that stands out. At their tables in small group, GSC members shared and discussed. They then came together in a large group, shared and discussed. They then tied it to a discussion of what Kindergarten Readiness really is and how to define it.

VII. The GSC then broke into their work groups.

VIII. The next GSC Meeting is April 29th at RMS.

IX. Adjourned at 11:50