Great Start Collaborative Meeting Minutes
November 18, 2016
Iosco RESA

Members present:
Chris Tappan, GSC
B J Brandt, IRESA EC SEP
Phyllis Rhodes GSC PL
Amanda Lossing, Tawas 2 GSRP
Barb Beaderstadt, WP-1, HS/GSRP
Andrea McIntosh, Tawas 3 GSRP
Lindsay Dombek, WP-3, HS/GSRP
Deanne Dickson, IRESA
Kayla Kellar, Oscoda 3/HS/GSRP
Julie Doherty, Early On
Ellen Reeves, Tawas Headstart
Lisa Bell, NEMCSA
Peggy Liddell, Oscoda ECC, 820 HS
Mike Peach, DHHS Iosco County
Tracie McNichol, Oscoda 2 HS
Allison Oakes, NEMCSA
Shannon O'Brien, WP 2 HS/GSRP
Sharon Koenitzer, Harbor Lights PC
Lorie Holton, NEGSRC
Mary Ellen Lovelace, IRESA
Jan Ackerman IRESA Literacy Coach
Robin Vance, HS, Hale

I. Call to order at 9:03 am
   a. Welcome by Chris Tappan, GSC Coordinator
   b. Change to agenda, introductions will be done at the end of the collaborative meeting.
   c. Motion to approve minutes by , 2nd by Allison Oakes.
   d. Nominations for chairperson & secretary - There were no nominations at this time.

II. Send any upcoming trainings, early childhood events with flyers if possible to Amy Coulter at coultera@coorisd.net

III. Scholarships: Scholarships for three year olds go to providers involved in Great Start to Quality. Thirty Two (32) P funds go to Iosco County three year olds. The funds have been spent in Iosco County. Forty preschool scholarship have been awarded. Income eligibility will be raised from 300% to 400%. Scholarship funds went to Stepping Stones & Kids First. The GSC will continue to apply for funds through Consumers Energy. Motion to raise income eligibility to 400% was made by Michelle Schepke by, 2nd by Deanne Dickson. Motion carried.

IV. Early Childhood Conference: It will be held April 22, 2017 at Roscommon High School from 9-3:30PM. Dr. Mark Sloane will be the keynote speaker. The registration fee will be $10.00. Childcare will not be available. Transportation for participants from Iosco & Ogemaw counties is being researched so it can be more cost effective.

V . Ready 4K A program to support parents with kindergarten transition. There is a free app available for parents to receive text messages to support literacy. Launch date for COOR is December 9th.

Learning kits and books from the Resource Library may be borrowed. Fifty percent

of the providers are participating with Great Start to Quality.
Website: http:// coorisd.net/programs/regionalresource/lendinglibrary

Introductions and Agency Updates

School Readiness Advisory Committee Minutes

I. Chris Tappan led the survey group.
   a. What is working in our current practices? What is not working?

   b. Among the areas going well were communication and the sharing of information regarding programs. There are a variety of activities at the program level. Ninety percent of children are receiving early intervention as needed.

   c. In the areas needing improvements, people may feel isolated and may not be aware of other available programs. Communication between organizations and Early Childhood programs are not listed on the survey. Communication between GSRP/Headstart and kindergarten is also lacking. There is little or no professional development regarding transition. There is a gap regarding expectations of children leaving preschool and what kindergarten teachers expect of them. Parents need to know what their children will be expected to know upon entering kindergarten. Issues regarding retention and class size were also discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 11:55AM

Next meeting: January 20, 2017 10-12 Noon