

Lenawee Great Start Annual Retreat
Hidden Lake Gardens
June 3, 2010

EARLY EDUCATION

Members Attending: Pat Skaggs, Madison, Lenawee's Child Playgroup
Kim Scheerer, Tecumseh, Lenawee's Child Coordinator
Rachel Hague, Madison, GSRP Program
Suzi West, Parent
Cynthia Opelt, Adrian, Retired Elementary Principal
Kathy Burke, Adrian, Professor of Early Childhood Education, SHU
Pam Esterline, Adrian, Director of the Montessori Children's House
Jody Howard, Adrian, LISD, Principal, Young Children's Services
Megan Karpinski, Program Coordinator, Young Children Services

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Members Absent: David Bull, Adrian, Director of Head Start
Holly Bella, Morenci, Kindergarten Teacher
Kristen Howard, Adrian Community Preschool, Head Teacher
Beth Scholz, Tecumseh, High Scope Foundation Staff

Committee members began with a discussion of creating additional playgroups in other locations within the county using the Parents as Teachers curriculum from Kent County as the coordinating guide. It was agreed that playgroups were not the only answer for young children to excel but four groups are established and doing well to be used as a possible model. Another could be established in Morenci as soon as possible since they have expressed an interest as noted in a recent survey. The question then evolved: What needs to be done to start a new playgroup in Morenci? We used the brainstorming process to set forth our ideas and then classified the items according to the attached lists.

The next step will be to identify the funding based on the conceptual idea and then design and begin the process of implementation.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cynthia Opelt, Megan Karpinski, Jody Howard

