

LENAWEE GREAT START

Meeting: February 2, 2010

“Parent Leadership” Work Group

Members Present:

Joe Satterelli	Misty Maschino
Lisa Eack	Heather Perrez
Sally Oliver	Christine MacNaughton
Mark Haag	Linda Farley

Members looked over Kindergarten Readiness literature from Alexander Elementary and Adrian Public Schools along with compiled information from area schools. It was decided it is time to put the information together and get it out to parents.

Goal – Put in parent’s hands a brochure listing basic kindergarten readiness skills as early as age 2. Stressing how important the quality of parenting and home life is in preparing children for kindergarten; educating parents is key. Possible brochure name “Ready to Learn Skills”.

Step 1 – Draft Brochure

- Have a generic draft brochure ready by County Principal’s meeting 2/11
- Send draft brochure to all county principal’s (cc – Superintendent’s) asking for Kindergarten teacher’s input
- Send draft to preschool’s asking for teacher’s input
- Send draft to other qualified preschool groups seeking input

Step 2 – Compile Data at April Meeting

- Compile returned data into “Ready to Learn Skills” brochure (keep it simple, one page tri-fold readiness list or check list)
- Find someone to underwrite cost of brochures for distribution. (Schools, preschools, etc. more willing to distribute if no cost to them)
- Stress continuity throughout county of readiness skills

Step 3 – Distribute

- Ideas for distribution:
 - Letters to the Editor
 - Pediatrician’s Offices
 - Ob/Gyn Offices

- Childcare providers
- Preschools
- Foster Care Agencies
- Libraries
- Lenawee County Playgroups
- Posters
- Park & Recreation Departments
- YMCA
- Bulletin Boards (Grocery Stores, Laundry Mats, etc)
- Restaurants (Placemats, Table Tents)
- Hospitals
- LISD - Early Year's
- Leaping in Lenawee (Lenawee Great Start table "Is Your Child Ready for Kindergarten? Engage in interactive game)

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