

Parent Leadership/Early Education Work Group Notes April 11, 2010

Attending: Parent Leadership: Perez, Satterelli, Upp, Early Education: Karpinski, West, White

Both Work Groups joined together to discuss all the work group prior goals and objectives.

Early Education: Should goal, "Expand Early Education opportunities" be removed or revised? Parents should be asked if they want more early education opportunities. Also, do parents want even more playgroups? Is this goal leaning towards the preschool scholarships? Do parents know about the scholarships?

Social and Emotional Work Group: Regarding the objective, "Provide social and emotional information to families with young children" questions came up about how the work groups could come together to disseminate this information using the boxes. Also, besides the "Behavior Has Meaning" wheel and the "For Now and Forever" pamphlets the group discussed adding Early on and kindergarten readiness information. Suggestion made that information must remain user friendly for "at risk" parents.

Parent Leadership: Regarding goal, "Parents advocate for their child's success" and objective "parents have access to kindergarten readiness information", recommend getting time in front of kindergarten teachers at district wide meeting to make sure there is "buy-in" with the work group's Kindergarten Readiness brochure. In addition, another strategy would be to develop support curriculum on-line to build on the Kindergarten Readiness skill set i.e. utilize "The Playbook". Finally, clarify goal "create a central database and calendar for programs and services for young children and their families". Suggested removing word "calendar" and add strategy that work group members would contact names of supporter/parents who are promoting or using the Kindergarten Readiness tool in order to access its effectiveness. Goal clarification: Develop measurement tool to access the effectiveness of the Kindergarten Readiness Skill List.

Members of this work group would like to use the June meeting to try to have all work groups together to present the work that each work group is involved in.

Physical Health: suggest adding new goal of "Educate parents on wellness checks and the important of preventative medical care and medical homes."