

Pre K Leadership Notes 03/19/19

We began by debriefing the March PD (partnering with the library) and chatting about the Expo.

- Small attendance, but great information!
- Lots of fabulous book recommendations
- Seems like the “regulars” were in attendance

Expo:

- Small attendance due to weather
- Next year, they’re looking to do a “back up” date that’s a week or two following original date (not the following night)

Then we shifted to discuss our tasks and homework from last meeting:

Calendar:

- Beginning next month, we’ll develop 2 months of a draft calendar (September and April)
- In April, bring ideas, resources and examples next month
- Standing agenda item – draft 2 months of the calendar
- Highlight one focus for the month overall and provide activities each month related to:
 - Literacy
 - Math/ number sense
 - Social-Emotional Learning
 - Motor (fine and/or gross)
 - Intervention ideas/ sensory/ questions to consider
 - Brain development/ developmental milestones
- Keep referencing ECIPS

Website:

- Grab an image from Imagination Library to post on the site
- Agenda item upcoming – click on the links and draft a quick phrase/ sentence summary for website viewers
- Create a logo for Kindergarten Readiness
- Ask Missy to put a link to our website on the Kindergarten Enrollment page (will do this once we have a logo)
- Shortened URL for our website: <https://bit.ly/2WbQFXh>
- QR Code:



Homework:

- Get information to doctor's offices – Angie – done but keep on the list to reference later
 - Create a business card (or post card) with QR Code, shortened URL and a list of available resources to hand out
- Email blasts to target parent groups - ongoing
- ~~This group reaching out to collegial groups (non-public centers, center-based programs and home daycares) – each does her part~~
- ~~Elementary facebook sites? – Angie will share dates postcard with Deanna~~
- Can there be a preK corner on the elementary websites? – longer term (with website development) – work in progress
- Updates in eNews – Jenn will put together a blurb – done and sent (do this quarterly)
- Share more information at preschool screening - Angie
- Partner with YMCA – figure out what we want first, then Kari will follow up. In the meantime, Kari will share PD dates with the Y
- Article in the newspaper – Mary P will find out who the contact is and if they could attend a part of our December (January) meeting – Done! Annual (each September reach out?)
- ~~Expo (previously the preschool fair) – Angie~~
- Community Ed will look into having a “Subscribe” button on the website for the Curbside to Go newsletter – Kari will talk to Zena – Work In Progress
- ~~Consider what questions we need to ask ourselves in order to be prepared with the calendar proposal – what do we need to consider? – Tabled until next year with ongoing work to draft monthly calendars~~
- ~~Angie will share Pre-Kat score sheet with team – Done!~~
- Anything crossed off will not appear in upcoming meetings or notes.

Homework:

- Consider: What might it look like to partner with YMCA?
 - Share information with and from them
- Does community education have a corner in the newspaper that can occasionally provide an update from the Pre K Leadership?

April PD:

- Begin with Debbie's SEL:
 - Picture cues – how to use (Kellie will bring pictures of her students showing emotions)
 - I love you rituals
 - Baby doll circle
- Shift to small groups to brainstorm and share one idea from each group of an activity they do for the following SEL areas:
 - Teamwork/ Cooperation/ Sharing/ Taking Turns
 - Feelings/ Emotions
 - Friendship Social Skills
 - Building Listening Skills
 - If time or need add these: Decision making and Good manners

- Provide notes handout so participants can jot down ideas
 - Add website link and QR code (seen above in the notes)
 - Reference website: <https://bit.ly/2US1o9n>

May PD: Panel summer enrichment and make and take

Who might we want on the panel?

- Library – Kellie will contact
- Dakota County Parks – Angie will contact
- Community Education – Kari
- Angie will contact Jackie Hansey about vendors at the expo to see if there's anyone
- Parks and Rec – Angie or Kari will reach out
- YMCA – Kari will contact

When you reach out ask:

- Are you interested and available?
- Does the timing make sense? (Will programs still be available for registration in May?)
- How much time could you use to share your summer opportunities?
- Whether they're able to attend or not, are there materials we can share?

Additional notes:

- Fall PD – Literacy in early Fall will be great
- Bring calendar to April leadership meeting so we can confirm May date