

Alignment Jackson Pre-K Team Meeting
Tuesday, March 15, 2016, 12:00 PM
Enochs Conference Room

Members present: April May, Joecephus Martin, Deloris Suel, Lakendria April, Sara Harper, Leigh Sargent

1. Welcome & Introductions

Ms. Leigh Sargent is the new Pre-K Coordinator, and this position has been combined with her other role as Preschool Special Education Coordinator

*Liz will set up a formal meeting with Ms. Sargent and the Pre-K team's co-chairs.

2. Review of Principles

Joecephus- Review #6. Committees do not determine WHAT but HOW. Our job is to figure out the best ways to do the things that the district wants to do.

#10. Agendas are left at the door.

3. Approval of the Minutes

4. Open Discussion

Sara: Every superintendent has his or her own focus. The old superintendent promoted the WOW book, new teacher orientation and mentor teachers, etc.

We lose something through the disconnect between superintendents

Joecephus: During that time, people were more focused on keeping their jobs than doing the work.

Anthony: Alignment helps with this transition. In Nashville, they were without a superintendent for some time and Alignment continued to drive its initiatives.

How does history/culture (family dynamics/structure) impact our work?

Sara: Differentiated instruction- We could use some help with teacher training

Joecephus: Differentiated instruction vs standardized testing. It's not exactly a problem of standards. But it's the disconnect between family and classroom. Behavioral issues. etc.

Sara: District does not have enough support for behavioral issues. Put students on a tier, find out root of the problem, etc. At home, they don't have the same structure they do at school.

Anthony: How do we help you help parents get this info out there?

How do we articulate this challenge in an effective manner, where people will get it? (the role that behavior plays in learning)

Suel: Jackson Public Schools need to be in closer relationship with the Pre-K providers in their area/feeder pattern. We need to be looped in to trainings, etc.

5. Activity Calendar Update

Excel by 5 Partnership

- Calendar/Book Distribution
- Excel by 5 will find a book distributor to help us get these calendars out.

Review April calendar

April will send updated name of MBB childcare center, and then the final draft can be distributed to the team

How can we distribute it better?

- Sara: Cool Smiles
- Lakendria: Jackson-Hinds
- April: Parents-Kids magazine
- Could we have it distributed through a newspaper like the JFP or Northside Sun?

What should we put on the back of the calendar moving forward?

- For May calendar, we could swap developmental milestones with the Pre-K Summer Book List
- Upcoming events (from Parents & Kids, Salvation Army, etc.)

Sign-ups to collect calendar artwork

March: City of Jackson

April: Mississippi Building Blocks

May: JPS/Wilkins

June: JPS/McWillie

July: Excel by 5

August:

September:

October:

November:

December: JPS/Pre-K Sped

Celebrations

Leigh Sargent

****Liz will send out revised March calendar****

Meeting adjourned: 1:15 PM