

Alignment Jackson Pre-K Committee Minutes

**Tuesday, May 27, 2014 12:00p.m-1:30p.m. JPS Enoch's Complex Conference Room 1st Floor
(Lunch Included)**

Facilitator: Ella Holmes, JPS

Recorder: LaKisha Boykin, Alignment Jackson Asst. Dir.

Members Present

Joecephus Martin LaTasha Brown
Eileen Beasley Mahala Lowe
Ella Holmes Ira Murray
Maggie Stevenson Grace Robinson
Ada Robinson Rosie Brantley

Members Absent

Benjamin Torrey Sharon Nettles
Dr. Kathleen Grisby Shavoka Harris
Ashley Johnson Rhea Bishop
Kate McMillin Latessa Stone
Aisha Nyandaro Mahala Lowe

Meeting commenced at 12:10p.m.

Welcome and Introductions

Review of Principles

Minutes reviewed from the last meeting on May 13, 2014. Rosie Brantley made a motion to approve the motion and the second motion was made by LaTasha Holmes. The minutes are approved by the committee.

Review Calendar Draft for July, August, and September

Joecephus started his assignment and he has spoken with Ms. Brown, Ms.Suel, and Ms. Robinson and confirmed five childcare centers.

Eileen confirmed that Excel by 5 will be able to participate and she will provide Joecephus with the information.

Latasha will also contact Jennie Sturgis (Noah's Ark) so that her childcare facility can be added to the pilot.

What is our target number of pilot centers?

Pilot Calendar Discussion

- Resource calendar
- We will pilot the calendars childcare centers in July, August, and September
- Information pre/post assessment is needed for the pilot

- The long term goal is to use the calendar in all childcare centers in the city of Jackson
- We will pilot the calendar first so what we put in the next calendar will be more viable.
- How will we judge ourselves based on what we received from the calendar?
- How will we know the calendar has been effective?
- Is the purpose of the calendar to be an engagement tool or educational tool?
- What do we expect?
- Was it useful?
- How did they use it?
- How do we pilot it?

The calendar sounds more like an engagement tool. We are measuring how well the parents are engaged in using this with their children.

We all agreed to pilot it for the engagement of the parents and the community.

The purpose of the pilot is to see how well everyone will use the calendar. The calendar is a resource.

I want everyone to be on the same page and for us all to have the same conversation. We are the ones delivering the message to the childcare centers.

We will not need an ITP for the pilot. In lieu of the ITP we decided to do the pilot to answer more specific questions. Our ITP will be much more purposeful and help us target specific needs of childcare centers.

Are we saying that we are using six centers and are they tied to a feeder pattern? We are using 6 centers but they are not tied to a feeder pattern.

Many of the centers are represented here on the Pre-K committee.

What if a center decides not to participate? Then we will not have the information from that center.

Do we have a percentage of and are the childcare centers in different geographical locations?

The pilot centers are geographically located; Ms. Suel is located in North Jackson, JSU in West Jackson, the other centers are west, and then Midtown. Operation shoe string parents are from all over the city of Jackson and Pre-K has representatives from all over town.

- How many Pre-K aged children do we have? 2,600 incoming into JPS kindergarten
- With JPS participating we have the capacity for 600 children and maybe 1,300-1,500 students.
- Are we going to increase the number of centers? We can get between 700-900 students

If we need to add more centers than we can contact others but we have enough contacts in here?

Action Items and Next steps

We have drafted calendars with activities but we will have to go back and add the books. We are taking the books from the book list and adding them in for those months. LaTasha, Eileen, and Maggie will meet and send out an email and send it to Kisha and she will forward it out to the group.

Hopefully we are all on the same page with the calendar so that we are able to move forward in June. This committee will not meet in the month of July. Alignment Jackson Pre-K committee meetings will begin again in August.

Ella will revise the tactical plan it will be sent to the committee for final approval.

Does the group want to use the book list that was sent out for summer reading? No, we are going to use the socio-emotional book list.

The centers should have the books because they were all a part of the initial training, JSU was not but Ella has an extra kit.

- We still need to talk with the library and make sure that they have the books available.
- Ira will check the imagination library book list to check and see if the books are on the list
- We are only working with students that are 4/5 years olds because the 5 year olds are already in after care programs.

Next meeting

June 24, 2014

No meetings in July

Celebrations

We have accomplished wonderful things on today and I cannot wait to tell the board.

LaTasha joined a sorority and is a new member of Alpha Kappa Alpha

Ada request prayer for her ill son