

**Alignment Jackson Pre-K Meeting**  
**Tuesday, February 10, 2015**  
**Enoch Building**

**Committee Members Present:** Annie Sanders, Rosie Ellis, Eileen Beazley, April May, Jeanette Whisenton, Mahala Lowe, Star Pool, LaTasha Brown, Sharon Nettles, Joecephus Martin, Leigh Sargent, Shannon Champion, Mary Green, Deloris Suel, Shelia Brown Robinson, and Ella Holmes

The meeting **commenced** at 12:00p.m.

**Welcome and Introductions**

**Principles**

4. The committee process is collaborative

**Approval of the minutes**

The first motion to approve the minutes from previous meeting held on January 26, 2015 was made by Rosie Ellis and a second motion made by Jeanette Whisenton.

Committee approved

**Update on Kindergarten Readiness Event**

At the present time we are still awaiting the report from the Pre-K event. The event did have a wonderful turnout and as a group we were all pleased. A lot of new members are here today and we would like to bring everyone up to date. Last month, the AJ Pre-K committee held an event called the Let's Get Kindergarten Ready and it was to foster new relationships between the district and the city Jackson's childcare providers. Many childcare providers came and participated and we received a lot of good feedback.

**Committee Feedback**

Rosie stated that she worked with Tracy Daniels although they had smaller groups everyone was engaged and excited. She also stated that they were also very pleased with the good evaluations.

Grace stated that she was a facilitator for Ms. Beasley and as a whole everything was wonderful.

Eileen stated that they had a great group and everyone was engaged.

Shelia Brown Robinson will assume Maggie Stevenson's position on the committee. Shelia stated that she had a great time at the event and she worked with Ms. Suel. She stated that she loved the way that everything connected and although she had a small group they were very energetic.

Latasha stated that she enjoyed the smaller group sessions because it increased the dialogue of the group. She also stated that when we started to plan this event we expected less people but a lot of people showed up. Many of the people that participated wanted to know how to get others involved. The panel session was a great forum for sharing and the directors were very comfortable sharing their comments.

**Next Pre-K Event**

- Next event scheduled March 21
- At each event more calendar will be given out.
- Same time and place

- The certificates will go out on the next event.
- We will give people their time for coming in if they are unable to attend the next meeting.
- Email the panel discussion video to the committee
- The calendar is posted on the JPS website and AJ portal
- Collecting the data from the calendars
- We have the demographics from the centers who are going to participate

### **Calendar Discussion**

Anthony stated that it's clear that the childcare centers don't have all the resources that they need in regard to books. Would obtaining those books and resources make a significant difference?

- List of possible books that will support the calendar
- The new set of calendars does not specifically say what books should be used
- We recognized through the process that everyone did not have access to the books
- In continued conversations who do we make sure that people have certain books that we think are important.
- How can we provide resources to acquire those books?
- Wish list of all the books that we want?
- Essential literacy list
- Very specific ask and create a campaign to ask if the child's class has certain books
- Engage the centers
- Does your child's class have these 10 books?
- What would those books be?
- Parents get to choose the book with these new calendars
- We can provide options for the centers
- Generate some suggested options
- List characteristics that will fall under socio-emotional
- Encouraging families to use existing resources
- What are some characteristics under socio emotional?
- How do we grow the network?
- Do you think this is working?
- Is this engaging the students?

### **Next Step**

- Email calendar to Pre-K committee
- Committee members respond back with ideas (think about resources from your particular agency)

### **Celebration**

- The Pre-K event was a success and thank you to all for serving on this committee
- Shelia's promotion at MPB

Meeting **adjourned** 12:50p.m.

**Next Meeting:** March 17, 2014