

Alignment Jackson Pre-K Team/Committee
Tuesday, April 21, 2015
Enoch Building

Committee members present: Joecephus Martin, Deloris Suel, Mahala Lowe, April J. May, Lakendria April, Grace Robinson, Jeanette Whisenton, Leigh Sargent, and Ella Holmes

Welcome and Introductions

Approval of the Minutes

Deloris Suel made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting held Tuesday March 17, 2015 and Mahala Lowe made the second motion.
Committee approved

Review of Principles

7. The committee process must engage community organizations.

Let's Get Kindergarten Ready Event Update

- Great Participation (repeat participants)
- Session were engaging
- Video captured event
- Technology was incorporated into the event
- Great feedback received from the event
- Everyone left with hand-on activities
- Request for the calendars

Next steps for event

- Focus and identify childcare center needs
- Staff and director accountability

June Event

MPB is hosting an event on the same day as the next AJ Pre-K event. Mrs. Holmes met with Shelia Robinson (MPB) to discuss combining the events. Currently we're waiting on a final decision from MPB. In the meantime, the team will work on planning the next event.

- Student service center-request change JSU campus
- Keep the date –committee approved-June 20, 2015

Event Structure

- Children interact with parents
- Working with your neighbors kids
- Brain development-ages/stages 3,4,5 How do kids think?
- Added sessions?
- Jackson Hinds library (Brown Bear Brown Bear) library requirements

- Children's museum representatives (scholarships/opportunities)
- Natural science museum
- How many rotations? 2 rotations
- Make session's shorter-themed activities that fall under language and reading
- Focus General session ages and stages (milestone checklist and handout)
- Director Session I and II: Directors session classroom leadership, strategies, how to train teachers, and other broad topics
- Need umbrella for session (train the trainer)
- Empower the director and staff to reach to higher level
- Operational classroom day (how to observe)
- Presenters session/Activity sessions
- Thematic focus
- Parent, director, teacher, and child
- Creative stations-reserve 15 minutes for everyone to create art activity

Next Steps

- June/July Calendar
- Mrs. Holmes will email the calendar themes
- MPB will continue to do the graphics for the calendar
- May 1, 2015 by 5:00p.m.-Activities and suggestions for calendar
- Meeting with presenters/brainstorming session: May 11, 2015 12:00pm-1:30pm
- Contact MPB for final decision

Celebrations

- March Pre-K event
- Joecephus Martin Pre-K event video

Meeting **adjourned**: 1:28 pm

Brainstorm/ meeting: Monday, May 11, 2015

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 12, 2015