

Transition to Kindergarten Committee

January 9, 2023

The regular meeting of the Transition to Kindergarten Committee was held November 21, 2022 on Zoom Meeting Platform and called to order by Christina Macioci and Kristen Peck at 3:48 PM.

Welcome and Introductions:

Attendees: Kathleen Clute, Donna Koser, Christina Macioci, Meghan Nadeau, Donna Osuch, Misty Palaia, Katje Pearson, Kristen Peck, Rachael Witkewicz, Gail Zimmermann

Transition to Kindergarten Activities:

- January:
 - Signs: Need a count of how many we have & figure out pricing/stickers
 - Repost social media & website videos- Can share on own websites - BECC, Imagine Nation, BDCD, elementary schools - from Making Bristol Better
 - Pilot at South Side- Email sent out to programs from Dr. Huber; programs should call him regarding specific children
 - Early notification forms sent out to community programs
 - Finalized Transition Checklist
 - Transition meetings for Special Education Students have been scheduled and will begin in January with summary of all students; next steps would be SPED and kindergarten teachers observe
- February Activities:
 - Kindergarten enrollment begins
 - Reminders to return Early Notification Forms from community
 - Transition meetings for Special Education Students continue
 - Media Blitz begins- electronic signs, newspaper, social media
 - Lawn Sign, Flyers & Posters- maybe distribute to local restaurants, high traffic areas, all schools
 - Scannable QR code on fliers to hand out at grocery stores, pediatrician offices, dentist offices
- **Ready4K:**
 - Enrollment around the same
 - Kindergarten Registration information blast with link to send out
- **Voice Amplifier:**
 - Still working on handing them out to Kindergarten staff who may want them

Additional Information:

- Every student currently in district projected to go to Kindergarten will receive information about their future homeschool
- Double checked and corrected list of Kindergarten contacts for each school
- For next meeting, kindergarten teachers think about different opportunities to expose BECC and other pre-K students to “typical” environment. Some immediate ideas:
 - Problem solving activities
 - Open snacks independently