

## **Transition to Kindergarten Committee**

February 13, 2023

The regular meeting of the Transition to Kindergarten Committee was held February 13, 2023 on Zoom Meeting Platform and called to order by Kristen Peck at 3:48 PM.

### **Welcome and Introductions:**

Attendees: Donna Koser, Kristen Peck, Donna Osuch, Rachael Witkewicz, Leah Zukauskas, David Huber, Misty Palaia, Charlene Clevenger, Gail Zimmerman, Christina Macioci, Katji Pearson

### **Transition to Kindergarten Activities:**

- Most organizations have returned their early notification forms- will be sent to schools soon after Donna reminds the others
  - Transition meetings for special education have concluded- Observations and PPTs will begin to follow
  - Board of Education students will automatically be enrolled in Kindergarten
  - Media Blitz- reaching out to newspapers, social media, electronic signs to share time to registration for kindergarten
  - Lawn signs- still in the works
    - To be distributed at schools by BOE
    - Park & Rec can help with community – Donna K and O will develop a return process by creating a list and return date
  - Flyer to be created with QR code to take parents to registration page
  - Reach out to pediatricians for kindergarten registration
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- **Ready4K:**
    - 783 Active Enrollments
    - February message will be sent as a reminder to register for Kindergarten
  
  - **Opportunities to expose Pre-k to “typical” K environment**
    - Practicing decreased adult support as there won't be as much readily in Kindergarten- increase independence
    - Including questions like nap time, potty training, general parent survey information in Registration
    - South Side sends out Kindergarten Survey to parents once enrollment is received via google survey and has found it extremely helpful – Kindergarten teachers indicated this would helpful if this was done
    - Informing parents that nap time should be decreased prior to entering Kindergarten
    - Share lists of how parents could prepare their students
    - Transition to K calendar- what skill you should be working on each day/week to prepare for Kindergarten
    - Share information at Family Fun Day
    - When relaying information about Kindergarten- make more information visual- parents get inundated with information all the time and it becomes overwhelming – the videos created help solve this
    - Zoom sessions/ Facebook Live may be helpful to answer questions & share information – BOE & community programs can conduct this – plan for April, May, June

- Parents need to be informed that notes to home about what children did/ate that day is not part of the regular routine in Kindergarten
- **Dine and Discuss**
  - Night in April or May
  - Brainstorm ideas
  - Idea: Shift in learning – Science of Reading
    - <https://features.apmreports.org/sold-a-story/>
  - Idea: How to Improve Communication between Pre-K and Kindergarten
  - Survey about Ideas – Rachael will develop

**Additional Information:**

- Universal Kindergarten Orientation date at all schools not set
- Look over <https://www.makingbristolbetter.com/preparing-for-kindergarten.htm> to see if anything should be changed or added
- Begin to frame positive sentences about Kindergarten “Expect your child...”
  - Expect your child to tell you about their day
  - Expect your child to be tired since we do not nap