

Transition to Kindergarten Committee

March 20, 2023

The regular meeting of the Transition to Kindergarten Committee was held March 20, 2023 on Zoom Meeting Platform and called to order by Christina Macioci and Kristen Peck at 3:48 PM.

Welcome and Introductions:

Attendees: Christina Macioci, Kristen Peck, Donna Osuch, Rachael Witkewicz, Meghan Nadeau, Katje Pearson, Gail Zimmermann, Donna Koser, Stacy Rivorio, Leah Zukauskas, Barbara Tedesco, Jennifer St. John, Misty Palaia

Transition to Kindergarten Activities:

- **March activities**
 - Media blitz for registration
 - Lawn Signs- have been distributed
 - Pictures have been taken with signs and posted on social media
 - 226 registered as of March 1st including 183 Board of Ed rollovers
 - Create Flyer
 - Request Parent Square announcement
 - BBHD reach out to pediatricians to share kindergarten registration
 - Follow up on date for Kindergarten Orientation at schools
 - Kindergarten teachers visit BECC classrooms

- **April activities**
 - Little Read
 - Dine & Discuss
 - Transition Summary Sheets:
 - Possible edits needed to questions:
 - Question about IEP included
 - Questions about outside services
 - Question about speaking another language
 - Including student photos if possible
 - Update Parent Survey
 - New question to possibly include:
 - Social- Emotional Question- Does your child have the opportunity to socialize or play with peers?
(When sharing survey- share additional information about the library and activities in town for Kindergarten students)

- **Ready4K**
 - Few more children uploaded- 770 range for enrollment

- **Little Read**
 - Choose book- Social & Emotional topic

- Book: It's Okay Not to be Okay
- **Dine and Discuss**
 - 11 responses to survey
 - Idea to discuss -
 - Foundations/ handwriting
 - Exposing community programs to the public school writing/letters program language and visuals (Foundations)
 - Demonstrating Pre-K/ K lessons
 - Open discussion surrounding how it can be implemented into community Pre-K programs - what will work for them?
 - Virtually:
 - Including and sharing materials
 - Should parents be invited to participate?
 - Maybe Including OT to present
 - Need to choose date-
 - Tuesday/Thursday
 - Early May
 - Survey will be sent
- Other
 - Discussion around Ages and Stages questionnaire surrounding kindergarten students- was helpful this year for kindergarten staff
- Next meeting April 17, 2023