



Warwick School District

TRANSITION TO KINDERGARTEN: EARLY CHILDHOOD PROVIDER MEETING



August 11, 2011

Board Room – District Office

1:00 P.M.

Attendance: Jennifer Hoffman (U-GRO), Liz Burkhart (U-GRO), Michelle Ziegler (Owl Hill Learning Center), Priscilla Bomgardner (Children’s Center), Christine Shebish (Sonshine Child Development Center), Mary Ann Garrett (Owl Hill Learning Center), Judy Rusnock (St. Paul’s Christian Early Learning Center), Karen Schaeffer (St. Paul’s Christian Early Learning Center), Warwick Participants: Julie Brunetto (LE-EDK), Amanda Allen (LE-K), Lisa Ballantyne (LE-K), Lisa Rothermel (JB-K), Jen Kovalchick (JB-K/EDK), Lisa Himes (JB-Principal), Peggy Montgomery (JRB-Principal), Melanie Calender (LE-Principal), Dr. Keith Floyd (Assistant Superintendent), Yvette Line-Koller (Director of Student Services), Jill Kramer (Enrollment Officer)

MINUTES

1. Welcome & Introductions
2. Warwick School District’s Pre-K to K Transition Goals 11/12
 - Warwick School District will facilitate a meeting with Early Childcare Providers annually.
 - Provide information to ECP in an effort to have students become familiar with the elementary school buildings. Events could be: a video introduction of the school, summer tour, etc...
 - Using the One Book, Every Young Child selection, coordinate an activity between an elementary representative and the ECP. Activities could be: using Skype to videoconference with the K classrooms, spending a representative to the ECP or a video of the Principal reading the book. This will be shared with the Early Childcare Providers.
3. District Updates:
 - Paperless Initiative
 - Common Core State Standards
 - Pre-K Assessment Updates
 - Discussion of how to transition families, not just students
4. Early Childcare Provider Updates
 - Standards discussion related to Common Core State Standards. Early Childhood Standards were updated in 2009.
 - Emphasis on differentiated instruction
 - Reviewed state website: <http://websites.pdesas.org/ocdel/default.aspx>
 - Pre-K Counts Model
 - Star Program
5. Roundtable Discussion
 - Discussion of PIMS data and tracking
 - Discussion of Full-day K/K-4 program
 - Discussion of communication of student information between ECP and district

- Transition Plan creation committee to have an open invite to all ECPs.
- ECP should contact district if they would like to coordinate tours, observations of the K classroom, etc...

6. Next Meeting: August 9, 2012 at 1:00pm

- Topics: After School Expectations for students in grades K-6.