

Early Learning Hub of Linn, Benton & Lincoln Counties

Pre-K/K-12 Alignment Work Group Meeting Minutes

MEETING COMMENCED	10:00am, June 11, 2015 Western Title Building, Newport
MEETING CALLED BY	Kristi May
THWORK GROUP MEMBERS PRESENT	Julia Young-Lorion, Lynn Hall, Cyrel Gable, Jerri Wolfe, Jaclynn Litzau, Diane Scottaline, Lola Jones, Cathy Hurowitz, Dawn Baker, Alicia Larson, Rebecca Austen, Rich Waller, Cindy Bond, Shelley Paeth, Renee Smith, Lauren Sigman, Kathleen McDonnell, MiaKia Moua, Nina Roll, Maygen Blessmen, Susan Trachsel
VERSION	Final

Agenda topics

DISCUSSION ITEM	Introduction of Work Group
	Basecamp instruction
	Adobe Connect as used by the Hub
	First meeting, looking for volunteers of Chairs

DISCUSSION ITEM	Strategic Goals
	Goal 2, Page 2 – Connections between families, Early Learning and K-12. This Work Group will be working to align standards, foster coordination, look at existing services, build off of existing efforts.
	Is there funding in the Hub, or do the school districts provide funding? We have an MOU with the various school districts, and are hoping to get engagement with parents. We have a \$10K budget, and will use it to engage parents and convene these work groups. We are working to figure out how to bring additional funding to teachers and substitutes to assists with this work. The intent is not for the teachers and substitutes to come to these meetings, but rather we are working to bring people together to figure out what we can do to improve school services. K-3 teachers are welcome in the Work Group meetings, but it is not mandatory. We want to coordinate with these teachers and preschools and partners to work together to get more done.
	We are hoping to get additional grant funding for trainings and other things that will benefit all of our organizational partners. Our intent is not to request additional funding from the School Districts.
	We want to include all of the Districts, but recognize that some Districts aren't going to be as engaged in the process as others. Budgets could be a barrier for some Districts.
	Lots of preschool efforts going on around the area, and we delighted. The State is going to be offering funding opportunities for additional preschools, and we need to be prepared to jump on those funds and have a plan for how to use those funds as soon as they do become available. Those funds will come through the Hub.
	KPI Grants will also be available, but apparently no one in the area has one. Those funds would come through the Hub also. Lots of potential there.
	It's odd that the State is telling School Districts that they have to participate and that they are responsible for those preschool results, but by collaborating, we can get ahead of this.
	We want Kindergarten teachers and preschool teachers to connect.
	QRIS will also help us improve the quality of our preschools, which will in turn help the School District to have better numbers.

It would be helpful to the common good to set priorities of what we think the most important things are.		
The State intends to use the Hub as a way to strategically funnel funds.		
Additional funding opportunities will give us the chance to pilot some programs, like the Juntos program in Linn County.		
Please try not to use acronyms because they can't translate across different programs. Please explain the concept, and then use the common language.		
Lane County tried a pilot program of hosting focus groups with parents and finding out what they thought about getting kids ready for kindergarten, by interviewing 1 st grade parents. What did you like? What would you like to see more of? Could we host these kind of events? Is there interest? –Lola Jones stated that her group would be very interested in conducting something like this.		
We want to bring the parent voice into our efforts.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Kathy Horowitz would like a copy of the MOU that her Superintendent signed for the Sweet Home School District.	Kristi May	ASAP

DISCUSSION ITEM	Co-Chairs	
Involves meeting over the phone to draft agenda, answer questions, review Basecamp, and then being present at the meetings. Also monthly Leadership Meeting to inform the Governing Board.		
People in the groups do the actual work, the Co-Chairs are not personally responsible for accomplishing the group's goals.		
Looking for 2 Co-Chairs. One Pre-K, one K-12.		
CONCLUSIONS	Lauren Sigman volunteered for Lincoln County.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Still need one more co-chair for Work Group.	Work Group Members	ASAP

NEXT MEETING	July 16, 2015	
To be held at LBCC, Cascade Conference Room, 10-11:00am		
MEETING ADJOURNED	10:55am	