

Parent Partnership Meeting
Notes
Tuesday, January 13, 2009

1. Greeting
2. Program:

Positive Behavior Supports: Denese Toomey, Grant Wood

Positive Behavior Supports (PBS)

- How important it is for kids to learn social skills, regulate emotions, identify emotions, and how to play with others
- Focuses on behavior supports for the classroom (and at home)
- State of Iowa—K-12 PBS; then in Sept. 2006 State of Iowa added early childhood in PBS plan (Program Wide PBS)
- Department of Education trained trainers to be able to go out into all Early Childhood Centers/Preschools to teach PBS to staff
- Denese Toomey is one of these trainers and she has been training the ECC staff since August in PBS
- PBS: supports to prevent challenging behaviors
- Levels: Building positive relationships (teachers to children, staff to families), Building supportive environments, Teaching strategies (social and emotional), and Intensive individual behavior supports [See Triangle drawing in previous ECC Proclaimer]
- The Parent Partnership watched a video of PBS in action in a Head Start classroom
- What we have done with PBS at ECC
 - Building relationships
 - 5 minute challenge
 - Plan, address, and teach common sense social behaviors
 - Stop/Go to learn rules
 - Started social curriculum (Empowerment classroom)
 - Talking through situations like sharing
 - Use positive rules

3. How can I help with the State-Wide Voluntary Preschool?

Parents and children can help with this endeavor by writing letters of support, helping in planning the program, helping to develop the assessment tool for this program, and being available for meetings. Sandy and the teachers will share the recommendation sheet for the letters of support. Letters from students are welcome also. If you have further questions, please contact Sandy.

4. Needs to improve/enhance Parent Partnership meetings

Sandy will send out a survey to get ideas/input from parents in late February. Then, from this point on this survey will be included in the enrollment process.

5. Soup Supper Playground Kick-off—January

Each parent viewed the flyer for the Kick-off. We discussed the prices. It was decided that the meal should be Free-Will donation. We will be asking parents and staff to donate time and food supplies such as soup, drinks and paper products. A flyer and sign-up sheet will be located in each classroom starting next week. The School Age programs will be making posters to hang in each school in the Prairie district. A

newspaper article will be put in the Gazette. Sandy will send the information (flyer) to all schools and families in the district, and will send the information to Iowa City West—as Prairie is playing that team that evening. We will also have a Free-Will Donation location in the cafeteria with a table set up to show parents and all invited what the project entails.

6. Parent In-put/Discussion

- 7. Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 10, 5-6 pm**
10 members were present for this meeting