

Prekindergarten PAC meeting

Meeting Minutes – February 27, 2009

Attendance: Carrie Pechtel, Alyssa Rubilotta, Jessica Brown, Janette Pedatella, Virginia D'Amore, Danielle Beck, Lindsay LaRowe, Lydia English, Hollie Fonda, Chris Fonda, Deb Ammann, Saleena Maxson, Anne Christiano, Nancy Edwards, and Ellen Roehl

1. Introductions
2. WMHT Presentation by Barbara Lukas, Family Learning Coordinator.

Highlights:

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- Your child begins auditory learning before birth and visual learning at the time of birth.
- Demonstration of how to utilize good public television to help child think and talk about what they are learning
- Limit and be aware of what your child is viewing.
- To enhance your child's language acquisition, hands-on follow up activities can be done. Each parent was able to construct a paper bag hand puppet and had celebration/sharing time.
- Reading to your child... a lot... was stressed.
- Education on the Triangle for Learning, which is composed of three main themes (TV that teaches, storybooks, and activities).
- Children need to learn through interacting with people and objects around them; they need to play.
- Children need to learn and practice fine and large motor skills through making, doing, creating, and exploration.
- There is a concern with a link to television viewing and childhood obesity, isolation, inappropriate choices and inactivity.
- There are very high expectations in Kindergarten in reading, writing, and language skills and so it is important for the parent to be involved by reading with their child and helping to extend the story.

In addition to the presentation, Barbara Lukas provided an informative take home packet with excellent resources and reading materials on how to promote literacy in your home through reading to your children. In this packet was one children's book. In the next few weeks, each family in attendance will receive a total of five children's books (at no charge).

3. Reviewed the Prekindergarten recruitment flyer from the previous year. Many suggestions were made.
4. Next PAC meeting to be announced. There was interest in a Public Library Night.