



## Preschool Initiative Oversight Committee Minutes – October 7, 2020

**Our Mission:** The Sioux City Community School District exists to educate students to **believe** in their talents and skills, **achieve** academic excellence and **succeed** in reaching their potential.

**Preschool Initiative Mission:** To strengthen, support and empower children and families through access to quality community services for preschool education for 4-year olds.

**Facilitator:** Kim Burrack

**Secretary:** Kim Burrack

The Preschool Initiative Oversight Committee (PIOC) met on Wednesday, May 27, 2020 via Zoom meeting. Copies of the *Agenda and Minutes from the May 27, 2020 meeting* were emailed before the meeting.

**Committee Members Present:** Kerri Hall, Erika Fuentes, Brenda Jenkins, Brian Burnight, Danielle Washburn and Mickey Nelson.

**Guests / Visitors:** Jenny Petty

### **Discussion Items:**

- Committee members introduced themselves.
- Kim Burrack shared information about the Sioux City Preschool Initiative. This year there are 12 community partners. One partner has added and one partner decided to leave the Initiative this year. There are 52 classrooms. Sioux City Community School District added 6 classrooms. Enrollment is down so there are 9 less community partner classrooms. On October 1, Preschool Initiative counted 618 students. That was down 121 from last school year. Most parents who chose not to enroll or dropped from the program before October 1 stated it was due to challenges in finding childcare when preschool goes into a hybrid or virtual learning model. Brian Burnight suggested contacting Theodore's Academy to see if they would be interested in joining The Preschool Initiative.
- Jenny Petty shared the IGD1 math screenings will be complete October 9 for all preschool students who are 4 years old. We are waiting on the Iowa Department of Education (DE) to give us access to the IGD1 Literacy screening. DE is purchasing literacy slots for all preschool programs in the state this year. We hope to have access to the IGD1 literacy screening in the next few weeks and will complete a fall screening for all 4 year olds in preschool.

- Kim Burrack shared the preschool department's literacy goal this school year is to increase the number of students meeting benchmark on the IGDI literacy screening by 40% from fall to spring. The preschool math goal this school year is to increase the number of students meeting benchmark on the IGDI math screening by 25% from fall to spring. Jenny Petty shared information about the preschool PLC's work around action research.

Minutes from the May 27, 2020 Meeting: Kim Burrack shared the minutes from the last meeting.

- Brenda Jenkins motioned to approve the minutes of the May 27, 2020 meeting.
- Kerri Hall seconds the motion.
- Motion carried: 5 yes 0 no

The next meeting of the *Preschool Initiative Oversight Committee* will be Wednesday, November 11, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. via Zoom.