

Southgate Board of Education Meeting

Special Education/Preschool Report

March 2019

1. Preschool March 1 Child Count was 25. Since December 1, 2018 Child Count we have 2 students move and have had 3 enter the program. We are up by 1 child.
2. Born Learning Academy was held the second Tuesday of the month. This was our 5th session. We have had the same 7 families consistently throughout the year. April will be our 5th and final session. There will be a reception and families will earn a certificate for participation and a \$100 gift card.
3. The Little Cub School met last Friday. The same 6 families have attended consistently throughout the year. The children are finally beginning to open up and explore the environment. They will be ready for Preschool in the next two years!
4. March 20th will be our ECERS evaluation. I am anticipating great scores. I will report more at the April meeting.
5. The Me and My School application has been submitted for this summer Kindergarten Readiness Program. We will know if Southgate was accepted by the end of the month.
6. I have completed a Cincinnati Learning Links grant application for \$1,000 to fund summer learning programming for our preschool population. I will update the board next month.
7. Wind damaged the shed on the preschool playground. I have ordered a new building to be installed at the end of the month. This building holds the trikes and gross motor equipment.
8. I am collaborating with the Director of Special Education at Bellevue developing 2 proposals: Funding an MSD unit at BHS for 4 students (2 at Silver Grove, 2 currently on Home/Hospital Instruction, and 1 at the Learning Academy at NKCES) and sharing a psychologist position for the purposes of child find. We currently contract out for those services. We will share drafts with the superintendents prior to coming to the Board.
9. Shannon Hansman and I are working collaboratively to develop summer programming for school aged students through the Innovative Learning Literacy Grant. We are in the process of scheduling sessions to be shared with students toward the end of the school year.