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## **Kindergarten Action Team Agenda**

All learners will be ready for kindergarten.

March 2, 2016 12:00 - 1:00 pm

Town Center, Lower Level Conference Room

Topic	Notes
Approve minutes	February minutes approved
Approve agenda	March agenda approved
NAEYC Position Paper	<ul> <li>Team discussed highlights from position paper</li> <li>Concept of readiness vs. age (we accept all children)</li> <li>Asynchronous development is expected (look at months of development vs. years)</li> <li>Value multiple languages, culture, and prior experience (could we offer screening in multiple languages?)</li> <li>Is a community readiness scale something we should consider?</li> <li>Community readiness scale should include preschool quality (focus on nurturing a love of learning and academic, and needs of each learner)</li> <li>Strong need for healthy social/emotional role models</li> </ul>
Kindergarten Readiness Skills Checklist	Small groups met and discussed our current Kindergarten Readiness Checklist. The large group started to discuss and we will continue this discussion at our April meeting.
Student Advisory Board	Action Team posed some questions to be brought forward to our Student Advisory Board  Did you attend preschool?  Are you interested in education as a career?  Would you like summer volunteer hours working with literacy?  Do you have any siblings who are not in preschool but who would like to be?
Adjourn/Next Steps	Please come prepared to make recommendations for a final version of the Kindergarten Readiness Checklist.

**Next Meeting** 

April 6, 2016 12:00 - 1:00 pm

Town Center, Lower Level Conference Room