



**Great Start Collaborative Parent Coalition Minutes**  
**April 17, 2008**  
**St. John Lutheran Church**  
**6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**

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| I. Dinner   | (6:00 – 6:30) | Everyone         |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Head Start provided the meal for us. Meal included salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, corn, rolls, cookies, milk and juice.</li> </ul>  |               |                  |
| II. Welcome and Introductions<br>Overview of GSC  | (6:30 – 6:50) | Parent Coalition |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Everyone introduced themselves and told how they heard about the Parent Coalition and what other organizations they are involved in.</li> </ul>  |               |                  |
| III. Parent Coalition Brochure  | (6:50 – 7:00) | Sarah            |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion about goals of Parent Coalition.</li> <li>• The brochure is almost ready to go to print.</li> </ul>   |               |                  |
| IV. September Action Event  | (7:00 – 7:10) | Lula             |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Our three ideas include a kite day, ABC bags handed out at Wal-mart, a health fair for children.</li> </ul>  |               |                  |
| V. Star Power Rally   | (7:10 - 7:15) | Lula             |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The bus is departing from The Fashion Square Mall at 7 a.m. on Wednesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. You can register online or call Sarah and she can register you.</li> <li>• A flyer was passed out.</li> </ul>   |               |                  |
| VI. April 28 <sup>th</sup> GSC Meeting<br>“Talking to Legislators”  | (7:15 - 7:20) | Sarah            |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The ECIC is providing a free training on “Talking to Legislators.” It will begin at 10:30 a.m. and will last approximately 2 hours.</li> </ul>   |               |                  |
| VII. Open Forum/Questions   | (7:20 – 7:30) | Parent Coalition |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Birth-5 is sponsoring an event at Barnes &amp; Noble on Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. Sarah, Whitney, Maureen and Lula have volunteered to work it from 3-5 p.m.</li> <li>• Everyone is welcome.</li> </ul> |               |                  |

- We need to talk at our next meeting about how we will determine which events we want to work and how often.
- We had a total of 12 new parents attend this meeting and 19 children used the daycare facilities.
- We talked about advertising for the Parent Coalition. Whitney is checking on billboard advertising, and Maureen is checking with the cable company.

VIII. Adjournment and Thank you (7:30 pm)

***Next GSC Subcommittee Meeting: Monday, May 19, 2008  
at the Transitions Center – 9:00 a.m.  
Parent Coalition Meeting to follow.***