



**Great Start Collaborative Parent Coalition Minutes
May 24, 2010**

Transitions Center 11:05 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Members Present at meeting: Yalonda Freeman, Dalia Smith, Monica Latoski, Laura Hill, April Henne, Sarah Byam, Maureen Cieszlak, Kimberly Barber, Toinette Ingram and PL Jill Armentrout

I. Parents serving in GSC board seats

- Terms for most current members (two year terms) are up in August – Toinette, Laura, Maureen. Yalonda started in January 2010.
- New members are Kimberly Barber and Monica Latoski, starting in May 2010.
- Discussion of members whose terms are up, ask them if they want to continue if availability allows or let new persons take over.
- Jill will send out application information to new and current PC members and give them all the opportunity to apply for the board seats.
- Jill talked to executive committee about board seats, ask for recommendation on continuing terms.
- Also discuss the regional seats as listed or all 13 school districts. PC members concurred to allow for one seat per each of 13 districts and two to three each for Saginaw city and Saginaw Township. Also idea to have one member and an alternate for a district if more than one parent is interested in serving.

II. June 24th educational event planning on social/emotional health

- Fliers for event were sent out by email to database, service providers, schools.
- Set agenda for speakers: Laura – parents need to feel comfortable and be included for all needs. Bo White from Community Mental Health Infant Mental Health has agreed to speak, has talk on self esteem. PC members like this idea. Have two other speakers from CMH who work with childcare and primary care providers in infant mental health answer questions and follow up from Bo White. *Dalia will follow up with notes from the meeting to set the agenda for meeting, times to speak.
- Idea for new evaluation to ask about what other topics the audience would like to hear about.
- Planning committee meeting 6:30 p.m. June 16: Set in committee - Dalia, Monica, Laura and April – Meet to set duties and stuff folders with info for parents at event. Location at YMCA or Growing Years with kids – waiting to hear from Y on use of kid space.*
- Still need to plan on food – Head Start Catering isn't available.*

III. Candidate interviews

- Jill is setting up times with candidates for legislative seats. PC members who are willing to talk and meet with them using ECIC scripts should volunteer to help with interviews, need two people per session.
- Training session set for Thursday, June 3, 4-6 p.m. at Transitions.
- Schedule for current legislators also running Mondays or Fridays. Set times 11 a.m. or 4 p.m. Mondays or Thursdays for new candidates. Timeline June and early July. Jill making a schedule of times to get volunteers to sign up to take interviews, with Jill or Julie in beginning, then some as partners at end.
- Plans for family PC picnic July 9 – invite candidates, PC members agree. Set location: Tittabawassee Township Park or Rainbow's End playground?

IV. Recruiting new members/PC guidelines

- Jill is working to bring members into PC through one-on-one contacts.
- Surveys from retreat – have several returned, but Jill will email out again to get more and then give results.
- Reviewed guidelines draft from retreat and levels of involvement. PC members marked the most important guidelines from brainstorming and Jill will record for a new document. All agree with levels of involvement.
- More information to PC members: Have copies of GSC Strategic Plan at meetings, also PC budget updates, PC Action plan and GSC Work plan – copies available at meetings.

V. Upcoming

- June 16 DEAR at the zoo – volunteers set for day
- June 15 Consumers Energy expo – volunteers set
- July 20 Haithco Kids Evening – sign up for face painting, volunteers still needed.
- Aug. 3 National Night Out – set up this booth, get volunteers.
- Limit some booths – no music festivals. Possibly cancel some in August. Adjust Action Plan

VI. Adjourn 12:30 p.m.

Submitted by Monica Latoski

Next PC Meeting – 5:30 p.m. June 28, Freeland Kinder Kare