



Great Start Collaborative Parent Coalition Minutes
October 20, 2008
Transitions Center
10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

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| I. Ground Rules | (10:30 – 10:35) | Sarah |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lula introduced Ann Jackson, a new parent. | | |
| II. Sergeant At Arms | (10:35 – 10:40) | Lula |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sergeant At Arms guidelines were introduced. • Maureen will be Sergeant at Arms this meeting. | | |
| III. Training Guidelines | (10:40 – 10:45) | Julie |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liaisons will be going to at least one pre-approved training per year. • Parent Leaders can attend meetings/trainings upon special consideration by Julie. • Julie will provide something more detailed in writing. | | |
| IV. Community Outreach Events | (10:45 – 10:50) | All Parents |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sarah reported she called Babies R Us for dates for their monthly booths. Playgroups will be visited around the county, and Women’s Expo sheet for November 7-8 was passed around. • Laura reported that Babies R Us is having an adoption day on November 1. She will also inform Freeland parents about GSC and Parent Coalition. • Sarina passed out literature at her kids school and would like to invite new parents. • Dalia reported training trauma to parents from the social-emotional subcommittee. Dalia, Lula and Sarina went to the ACMH Conference. • Lula reported about scholarships available to help parents continue school. Lula announced she was picked for the Great Start Parent Leadership Board. • Stephanie announced she attended the Autistic 101 seminar. Cost was \$10 which was donated to the Connor Foundation. • Celeste announced that Angel Ministries is feeding families for a small amount of money. Her boys are selling popcorn for Cub Scouts. • Toinette went to the Saginaw Board of Education to complain about large class sizes, parking and traffic. • Maureen gave a short update on the Men’s Health Expo and also passed out info at the Heritage parade. | | |

- V. Action Plan for 2008-09 (10:50 – 11:25) Group Discussion
- a) Review of ECIC free trainings
- Communication 101 (9 people)
 - Organizing & running effective meetings (10 people)
 - Team Building (4 people)
 - Influencing Systems Change (9 people)
 - Communication when Frustrated (will combine with #1)
 - Advocacy 101 (6 people)
 - Legislative Testimony Training (6 people)
 - Using Media for Advocacy (combine with Effective Communication with media)
 - Effective Communication with Media
 - Talking to Legislators (combine with #7)
 - Creating Vision and Annual Plan (0 people)
 - All events are advocacy events (7 people)
 - Who's Who in the Zoo (Sarah to get clarification from Cherie)
 - Parent Leadership/Empowerment
- b) Other Trainings Suggested:
- Trauma, sexual predator training
- c) Mileage and child care reimbursement sheets were passed out
- d) Possible Events/Ideas for 2008-09
- November 1 – Babies R Us
 - Walmart Event
 - Safety day
 - December 11 – Michigan Reads
 - Townhall Meeting
 - January Retreat
 - Expos: Men's and Women's
- VI. Other Events/Announcements (11:25 – 11:30) All Parents
- Sarina wanted clarity on why their event in Freeland was cancelled.
- VII. Adjournment 11:30 a.m.

***Next GSC Board Meeting
Monday, November 24, 2008
Transitions Center 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m
Parent Coalition Meeting to Follow
Lula is the point person for the month of November.***