

Agenda for December 17th, 2007
Parent Coalition Meeting

A. School Readiness – Lula

B. World Café and discussion

1. How can we get others involved in our Coalition?
2. How do we best describe our Coalition?
3. How do you see our Coalition helping the GSC to assist with the strategic plan?
4. What do you want to learn with regards to leadership and advocacy?
5. What are the challenges/needs that face parents in Saginaw County?

B. Develop Vision and Mission of our Parent Coalition

C. Develop plan for 2008-09

Trainings offered by ECIC

1. Communication 101: Telling Your Story
2. Organizing and Running Effective Meetings
3. Team Building
4. Influencing Systems Change
5. Communicating when Frustrated
6. Advocacy 101
7. Legislative Testimony Training
8. Using Media for Advocacy
9. Effective Communication with the Media
10. Talking to Legislators and Elected Officials
11. All Events are Advocacy Opportunities
12. Who's Who in the Zoo
13. Parent Leadership and Empowerment

Parent Coalition Meeting

November 26, 2007

Transitions Center

Members Present: Dalia Smith, Lula Haynes, Angelique Riley, Toinette Ingram, Celeste Buckley, Cherie Ross-Barber (ECIC), Maureen Cieszlak, Whitney Haron, Pamela Boyke, Julie Kozan, Ellen Hatcher, Rich Vantol, Sarah Byam and Stephanie Dunn

A. Great Start Coalition Website

Ellen Hatcher oriented the Parent Coalition (PC) Leaders and Liaisons by providing information about the Web site and its links, also the guidelines to submit ideas by e-mail for the site.

B. Minutes – Julie Kozan presented helpful information on minute taking

A reminder about the PC meeting minutes - Minutes will be taken by parent leaders. Parent Leaders will rotate in alphabetical order, written minutes will be needed for January meeting. December minutes were written by Pamela Boyke.

Minutes can be typed or written and submitted to Sarah Byam and sent to her by that week or sent to Ruth Ruby one week prior to the next meeting in order for a hard copy to be printed and mailed out to PC members for review prior to the next scheduled PC meeting.

Buckley 2/25/08

Byam 4/28/08

Cieszlak 6/23/08

Dunn 9/22/08

Haron

Haynes

Ingram

Riley

Zehnder

There is still one position open for the Chesaning/St. Charles area

C. Reimbursement Update

It was granted to meet for the whole year and to be paid for the extra months for only one hour with normal childcare rates and gas mileage. Please make sure you sign in for the meetings and have your reimbursement forms signed as well, if you haven't, please turn in your request for taxpayer identification number and certification or W-9 form which was provided by Ruth Ruby in order for reimbursement to be processed.

D. Discussion

1. Annual plan will be done in December with a World Fare discussion.

Vote on five questions and breaking up into small groups

2. Parent/training plan – to service the community to see where the coalition will be in the next months and moving toward steps with county and linked agencies

3. Subcommittees broke up into four groups, also subcommittees have asked for PC to revise the yellow pages by upcoming school year

E. Miscellaneous – Rich Vantol to assist the PC in setting up free e-mail accounts for PC leaders. Copies of committee resource guide

F. Open Discussion

Anything that was missed

G. Events

Lansing Rally (Rich Vantol)

H. Closing

Next GSC Board meeting is December 17th at the Transitions Center with the Parent Coalition meeting directly afterwards. Please call a Parent Liaison if you are unable to come to a meeting.

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