



**GREAT START COLLABORATIVE  
EXECUTIVE MEETING  
OCTOBER 18, 2007  
MINUTES**

**Present:** Rich Van Tol, Linda Schneider, Mary Ellen Johnson, Julie Kozan

- 1. Parent Coalition & New Parent Orientation  
ECIC – new parent coalition guidelines and Holly’s procedures**
  - We had 11 vacancies for Parent Leaders. We had 9 applicants and still have two open positions.
  - We had 2 applicants for Parent Liaison – Lula Haynes and Sarah Byam.
  - Not everyone who has been involved in the GSC Parent Coalition applied, therefore, no one was displaced.
  - The suggestion was made to approach those that didn’t apply, to let them know that they can still be involved as a Parent Volunteer.
  - After the October 22<sup>nd</sup> Board meeting, R. Van Tol will provide an orientation to the Parent Leaders and Parent Liaisons.
  - It was suggested that that parents shadow a member of the GSC Board for a half day or day.
  - L. Schneider suggested we recommend this group of parents to the GSC Board, this was seconded by R. Van Tol.
- 2. Website issues**
  - There are a few logo issues.
  - There are a few items that still need to be put on the website (Membership Directory, Playgroup Schedules).
  - Navigation issues – not easy for some people to get through.
- 3. Contract with ECIC, GSC Coordinator issues and budget**
  - As of October 12, 2007, we have a signed contract with the ECIC.
  - There will be no movement toward a GSC Coordinator until there is a State budget.
- 4. Application for Participation, Policy on Appointments to GSC Board (voting members), Policy on Attendance.**
  - These documents look good.
  - Copies will be brought to the GSC Board meeting on Monday.

- 5. Merger of collaboratives discussion: Impact on schedule (current schedule); Proposal for next week with SCHJSCB (proposed schedule)**
- There were a few changes made to the GSC meeting schedule – Parent Coalition meetings will follow GSC Board meetings ONLY, not GSC Subcommittee meetings.
  - At the last SCHJSCB meeting, there was talk about there being a lot of required collaborative meetings within the community. There is lack of time amongst people to commit to all these meetings. Is there a way to streamline some of these collaborative missions and do the work jointly rather than separately?
  - It was suggested by M.E. Johnson that this is a great idea, but could we start out with full board (all collaboratives) meetings 3 times per year. This is not possible because the ECIC requires that the GSC Board meets 6 times per year.
  - There was discussion on how merging all collaboratives would benefit our current ECIC membership requirements.
- 6. Agenda for next meeting**
- M.E. Johnson will be chairing Monday's GSC Board meeting.
  - Recognition of new Parent Coalition
  - Application Policy review/vote
  - Website Update
  - ECIC Contract Update
  - Parent Coalition Update
  - Expo Update
  - Restructuring plans for Collaboratives in Saginaw
  - Update on GSC Coordinator
- 7. Other items for discussion?**
- Cosmic Celebration. How did it go? There were a lot of advocates in attendance. Governor Granholm and Governor Hunt (North Carolina) were both in attendance. It was a decent event in terms of location, attendance, etc.

**Next Executive Committee Meeting  
Wednesday, November 21, 2007 at 1:30  
Transitions Center**