

Family Coalition Meeting Minutes

March 19, 2024

4:00 – 5:00 p.m.



1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Ice breaker – Things in common
3. Past Events –

- March is Reading Night of Fun!
 - 45 families – 92 children & 66 adults (moms, dads and grandparents)
 - Will be looking for a new location to host in for Nov 2024

4. GSC meeting and subcommittee meetings:

(Link to recordings: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL9AQKi3fu0ZB4w5Q9otftW0vGfOaCh8Zd>)

- Great Start Collaborative – whole group brainstorming done on:
 - What are ideas for a 15-20 minute keynote speaker at the Community Baby Shower?
 - What are ideas for recognizing child providers during Child Care Provider recognition in May?
 - Creative (“out of the box”) ideas for getting books in the hands of children?
 - Trick or treating but books, travel to different locations and receive a book and activity at each, WIC pop-ups, food pantries
 - Recommendations for improving efforts to get updates for the Resource Guide?
- Literacy Subcommittee – StoryWalk planning continues
- Community Resource Subcommittee – Resource Guide new platform is on website now,
- Prenatal and Pediatric Health Subcommittee – Welcome Baby Marketing, Enhance relationships with prenatal providers
 - **Review Welcome Baby Marketing materials**
 - Add ‘Home Visit’ to the title, add ‘home’ to the bottom/back before the word visit (2 locations), remove the Integro logo, and maybe add the LifeWays logo
- Child Care Subcommittee – planning out child care appreciation activities
- Preschool Leadership and Advocacy –

5. Parent-Led Strategies:

- Little Free Libraries –
 - Hand out Lanyards and bookmark/signage
 - Books available for restocking LFL
 - Parent Volunteer check-in

- Reading location books not moving fast, some books are too tall for the library, encourage the rotation of books at Stewards discretion, also look into the possibility of putting a small flyer advertising the LFL on pizza boxes at the Reading Pizza Barn
- Carleton Crossing location seems to go through the children's books with not many being replaced, consistently putting in children's books as well
- Montessori School continues to go through the books as we keep Abbey stocked with books
- North Adams and Udder Side consistently gets new books
- NEW INSTALLED LFL – CASA, King's Kupboard, Jonesville Middle School
 - New Steward for CASA location Ashley
 - New Steward for King's Kupboard location Sarah P
 - Jonesville Middle School will monitor their own and let us know if they are in need of any children's books
- Waiting on install – Mi Works, Waldron Resident, Litchfield City Offices, Jonesville parks,
- Follow-up needed – DJ's, Adventures of the A-Team, Overflowing Cups & Cones
- Winter activity list creation
 - Review revised winter-time idea sheet
 - More revisions needed will bring back to the next meeting

6. Upcoming events

- Preschool Round-Up – April 9
- Talking is Teaching Parent Training – April 13
- Spring Fling – April 18
- Community Baby Shower – May 18
- Literacy Pop-Up at the Udder Side – May 23 (rain date May 30)
- Safety Fair – June 18
- StoryWalk – July 27 (rain date Aug 10)

After meeting books given to Little Free Library stewards – books will be counted and recorded after one more parent picks up books at the end of the week

Next Parent Meeting – April 16, 2024