

# Family Coalition Meeting Minutes

September 19, 2023

4:00 – 5:00 p.m.



1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Ice breaker
  - If you could hang out with any cartoon character, who would you choose and why?
3. Name change from Michigan Department of Education (MDE)
  - MDE change the Parent Coalition to the Family Coalition to be more inclusive
4. New meeting incentives starting Oct. 2023
  - New parent forms to be filled out each meeting
  - One-time W-9 to be filled out as well
5. Old business
  - Book Drive results – 17,265 and counting! This number includes day of donations and large donations given by some local school district.
6. New business
  - **Brief overview of Septembers GSC meeting and subcommittee meetings –**
    - Great Start Collaborative Meeting – Summer updates given (events recaps), finalized the prioritization of the strategies for the strategic plan
    - Literacy Subcommittee – No meeting held
    - Community Resource Subcommittee – Update on the resource guide switch into the new platform and updates
    - Prenatal and Pediatric Health Subcommittee – Name change discussion, follow up on medical provider recognition and Welcome Baby marketing efforts
  - **Parent led strategies –**
    - **Outcome 2:** Children are healthy, thriving, and developmentally on track from birth to third grade. **Strategy 2:** Develop a resource of fun winter family activities that promote learning and a connection to the community. **Activities to include:** Research and compile a recommendation list to share with other families in Hillsdale County, possible have list resource published in Simple Hers or their Parent publication.

- **Outcome 4:** Children are prepared to succeed in fourth grade and beyond by reading proficiently by the end of third grade. **Strategy 2:** Increase book access to ALL outlying communities in Hillsdale County. **Activities to include:** Steward Little Free Libraries, install new Little Free Libraries in outlying areas, Discuss the possibility of a community activity that highlights the Little Free Libraries and their locations (i.e. scavenger hunt, geo-caching site, etc.)
- **Little Free Libraries** – check in and location updates. Hand out gas cards for the year.
- **Knowledge nuggets for the upcoming year** – Discussed a number of ideas. Drafts will be worked up and shared at the next meeting. Some of the ideas are: importance of play, child self-esteem, respect, distracted parenting, bedtime routine, teeth brushing tips, socialization, etc.
- **Winter activity list creation** – Main collection forms were handed out and discussed. We do not know exactly how this document will look but wanted to start with the same basic information for each activity or event to the best of our abilities. The collection form will follow the meeting minutes. A text group was set up to share the locations that will be done by any parent to minimize the possible overlap of collections.

#### 7. Upcoming events

- Fall Fest – Oct 16
- Game On – Nov 14

After meeting books given to Little Free Library stewards – approximately 100 books given

Next Parent Meeting – October 17, 2023

Winter Activity Data Collection Form:

Name of Activity:				
Location:				
Month/s that activity occurs:	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
Does it require registration?	Yes		No	
Does it cost money?	Yes		No	
Is it in Hillsdale County?	Yes		No	
For more information – Website, Facebook or phone number:				
Other:				

Little Free Library Sign Up Document:

LFL Location	Responsible Person
<b>Countryside Montessori School</b> 2189 W. Hallett Rd, Hillsdale	Abbey Lopresto
<b>Woodbridge Township Hall</b> 2250 Montgomery Rd, Frontier	Stefanie made contact and will supply books when needed.
<b>Hillsdale Area Career Center</b> 3471 Beck Rd, Hillsdale	Wendy Playford
<b>One Point Technology Group</b> 12 E. Bacon St, Hillsdale	Kelly Castle
<b>North Adams Resident</b> 309 N. Hillsdale St, North Adams	Kelly Castle
<b>Reading Pizza Barn</b> 222 S. Main St, Reading	Tiffany Hall
<b>Carleton Crossing</b> 3240 W. Carleton Rd, Hillsdale	Sarah Pachoud
<b>Udder Side</b> 121 W. Chicago Rd, Jonesville	Kelly Castle