



Great Start Collaborative (GSC) Meeting Minutes June 5, 2023

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Angie Tuner, CAA	Wendy Playford, GSC	Stefanie Rathburn, GSC	Yvonne Parker, CAA
Maria Ansett, Karen's House			

Meeting Minutes:

- I. Welcome/Introductions
 - A. Introductions around the table
 - B. Stand-up & Mingle by prompts

- II. GSC Office Updates (Stefanie Rathburn/Wendy Playford)
 - A. Marketing
 - 1. Summer Story Walk, Safety Fair, Summer PLAY
 - a) Fliers to all PreK-3rd
 - b) WCSR
Interview last week and this week
 - c) Fliers to Salvation Army for their picnic
 - B. Safety Fair
 - 1. 29 registered agencies/organizations
 - 2. another 5-6 verbal just waiting for paperwork
 - 3. Need a DNR Connection
 - a) Angie will check with her old source to see

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- b) Brad Benzing, County Commissioner, may know someone for hunter safety, etc.
- c) Really want to try to get hunters safety/outdoor safety representative
- 4. Grew much larger than we anticipated with agencies, so now we are super focused on making sure we have families there!
 - a) Please, please make sure you share the facebook post, post the flier in your agency, keep fliers in the car to hand out.
 - b) Handful of yard signs left- please take them if you have a place that gets a lot of traffic.
 - (1) Let us know if you take one and where it is going
 - (2) We will pick up when event is over
 - (3) Heather will get a sign up near Farmers Market on Howell.
 - c) Working through details
 - (1) Parking
 - (2) Need additional volunteers
 - (a) Sign-in sheet going around
 - (b) Please let Stefanie know if you can help with extra needs outside of agency table
 - (c) Will check with Rotary Club
 - (d) Hillsdale NHS- Cassandra - Heather will reach out to her

C. Summer PLAY

- 1. 1st even tomorrow
- 2. New Partners
 - a) MSU Extension
 - b) Hillsdale Library
 - c) WIC

D. Dissemination of Talking is Teaching learning kits

- 1. Spent time at WIC office handing these out
- 2. Learned Wednesdays for WIC and Immunization Clinics is a good day to go
- 3. Distributed 42 additional kits
- 4. Now down to a more manageable number of kits
 - a) Will reach out to Early On and EHS to let them know we have remaining kits and if they send family's names and age of children, we can provide kits to those families that have not yet received a kit.
- 5. Provided to some child cares already

E. Parent Liaison Report

- 1. Udderside Literacy Pop Up Event

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- a) record numbers attended
- 2. Parent Coalition meeting last month
 - a) 2 parents attended
 - b) Little Free Libraries are in need of used books
 - (1) doing a book drive for used children's books
 - (2) July Dates set: 18th 2-6pm & rain date of 20th from 2-6pm
 - (3) if you have books, please contact Wendy Playford to donate
 - (a) You can donate anytime
 - (4) Maybe check with Hillsdale Thrift
 - (5) Domestic Harmony has boxes
 - (6) Parents don't want just a book drive, they want something fun to do while there. The group is currently working through this
 - (7) Little Free Library going up at Reading Pizza Barn
 - c) Play @ Owens Park tomorrow
 - d) June 20th Safety Fair
 - e) August 12th- Story Walk at Farmers Market
 - (1) Looking for Volunteers
 - (a) Please contact Stefanie if you can help at this event

F. Subcommittee Meeting

1. You can attend any meeting at any time. We love to have your input.

III. Strategic Planning

A. Fast 5 Survey

1. 101 surveys completed
2. Andrea has a handful submitted on paper that will be dropped off today to enter
3. Child Care Network volunteered their Data Specialist to support collection: Sebastian
 - a) He is amazing and done so much to support use of this data
 - b) He is analyzing and providing summary data
 - c) Going through 15 families that wanted to provide more information into a spreadsheet and provided follow-up questions to enter into a form so he can analyze that data
 - d) Excited about receiving the final data compiled
4. Sebastian is a part of a new coalition between Monroe, Lenawee and Hillsdale looking at child care, so this data will also support his work.

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5. Should have data by the end of this week as initial, and completely ready for July planning session
- B. Next Steps: July 10th 1-4
 1. Lunch 12:30
 2. Look at data
 3. Prioritize outcomes
 4. Then August: Set strategies and activities
 5. Goal to be done with Strategic Plan by end of August Meeting
 - C. Collaboration with Child Care Network for data support
 - D. July and August Plans
- IV. Subcommittee Updates
- A. Child Care: Kristy Wood
 1. Child Care Forum Sept 13th
 - a) Inviting HR departments from manufacturers and other organizations around county to discuss Child Care
 - b) Official Flier to come in August
 2. Licenced Child Care Funding
 - a) 2 still in process although funding ended
 3. Child Care Chirp Newsletter
 - a) sent out in February and May
 - b) next scheduled for July
 4. Child Care Provider Networking Nights
 - a) Just not a lot of participation
 - b) Other networking opportunities available to them
 - c) Will be discontinuing
 - B. Pediatric & Family Health: Mari Nunez
 1. Medical Provider Recognition
 - a) Should be done with everyone by end of June
 2. Welcome Baby Marketing Plan
 - a) completed most on distribution plan
 - (1) Lots of different locations
 - b) Preliminary Conversation when Welcome Baby visit bags are gone
 - (1) still have enough to move forward
 - C. Literacy: Stefanie Rathburn
 1. Embedded Literacy content into ALL GSC events
 - a) Spring and fall Literacy Pop Up events
 - b) Story Walk
 - (1) book selected
 - c) Activities for each summer PLAY event

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2. Started to talk about more intentional way to market Talking is Teaching Materials
 3. Partner with Hillsdale Library to do Literacy Bags for Domestic Harmony families
 4. Books for Babies to Hospital
- D. Community Resource: Angie Turner
1. Working with intern to take community resource guide to a more user friendly platform and keeping up with updates as they come in
 - a) divided into sections and have committee members doing outreach, checking links, going through in more detail
 - b) New QR Code, QR Code Clings for agencies to put on windows
 2. Explore relationship with local food pantries
 3. Developed Google Group fact sheet to help people know what to say when sharing info about it
- E. School Readiness Advisory Committee: Mindy Wilson
1. 4 formal SRAC meetings & 3 data dive meetings
 2. Held Monthly PD for Preschool that included
 - a) Al's Pals
 - b) ASQ
 - c) CLASS (Classroom Assessment Scoring System)- Program Quality Analysis
 - d) Pyramid Model
 - e) Literacy
 3. Data Dive set goals focused on Literacy and Social-Emotional outcomes for students as measured by T.S. Gold
 - a) Provided flannel/magnetic board and stories to help with retelling and other literacy indicators
 - b) Provided Als Pals & Pyramid Model kits for all classrooms
 - c) End of year data dive showed improvement in social-emotional indicators and literacy targets from the previous year.
 4. Marketing:
 - a) Banners
 - b) Yard signs
 - c) Social media increase
 - d) Fliered local schools, agencies, community locations, stores
 - e) Collaboration with local schools for robo text and calls as well as sharing social media posts
 5. Joint Recruitment & Enrollment
 - a) Revised structure and roll-out plan

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- b) Preschool Connect- Virtual
- c) Preschool Round-up In person
- d) Preschool Options Brochure
- e) Early Interest & Registration Process
- 6. K-Readiness Brochure & K Round-up County-wide flier
- 7. Parent Input surveys developed & roll out starting now
 - a) Recruitment
 - b) Start of year expectations
 - c) End of year input
- 8. Meeting & PD Plan for 23-24 School year

V. Community Updates

A. Local Interagency Coordinating Council (LICC): Abby Alley

- 1. Early On Summer Calendar Began
 - a) We provide services all year, but it does include extended breaks throughout year
- 2. 331 referrals this school year (restarts July 1st)
- 3. Playgroups with GSC
 - a) Provide playgroups weekly. Joint with GSC and then provide one of our own
- 4. Down a staff member currently; looking to post
- 5. Accepting referrals always

B. Agency Updates

- 1. Domestic Harmony - Tonia - July 8th Annual Duck Derby
 - a) Moved to Stocks Park (not part of Riverfest)
 - b) Breakfast at 8:30
 - c) Derby at 10 am
 - d) Tickets are available
 - e) Could use help- let Tonia know
- 2. MSU Extension- Daniel Klink - hope to have a new person starting in July. Daniel will help them get acclimated and then move on to Jackson only
- 3. Stefanie reported that Barb Brick- CPIF Resource Solutions- Maternal Infant Health. They have closed and will no longer be participating
- 4. BHSJ CHA - Bella
 - a) Lock it Up- Flier to come
 - b) WIC Guidelines changing to 185% FPL
 - c) Blood Drive in Branch but open to all

VI. 2023-2023 Meeting Calendar

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- A. Printed version with agenda
- B. Few changes
 - 1. Next year's full meeting will be in the basement of Hayes building.
Can park in back and enter through back basement entrance
 - 2. Please watch dates and locations on agenda
 - 3. Pediatric and Family Health will not be at Dean Jennings, they will be at Hayes next year
 - 4. New name for School Advisory Committee: Preschool Leadership and Advocacy- Note change in Nov. 10th meeting to Nov. 17th.

Next Meeting...July 10th from 1 - 4 pm

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