



Great Start Collaborative (GSC) Meeting Minutes November 16, 2020 via Zoom

Attendees:

Stefanie Rathburn, GSC
Mindy Wilson, HCISD
Kayla Horton, HCISD
Angie Turner, CAA
Darcy Afholder, Reading GSRP
Linda Wise, HCISD
Wendi Paradine, HCISD SW

Trista Rink, CAA
Wendy Playford, GSC
Christine Gjestland, Highfields
Christie Campbell, CAPA
Shelley Ellis, Hillsdale Schools
Maria Ansett, BHSJ CHA
Abbey LoPresto, DHHS

Lindsey Pung-Terry, MSU Extension
Jen Houston, Highfields
Kelly Castle, Parent
Kaitlyn Swick, HCISD
Sara Clark, Parent
Lanae Baker, Parent
Kristy Wood, Child Care Network

1. Welcome

- Mari is out today, so Stefanie will be leading our meeting.
- Welcome to Lindsey Pung-Terry from MSU Extension
- Waterfall of Words Activity
 - i. Type in chat what you are thankful for
 - ii. Everyone look and see the variety of positive things in our lives

2. GSC Office Updates

- **Director Report**
 - i. Trusted Advisor
 - 1. should hear back in the next month if we will receive this next round of funding
 - 2. it's not competitive, so as long as we follow guidelines, we should be granted funding
 - ii. PLAY Pick-Up Bags - looking for creative ideas? We are open to them!
 - 1. PLAY pick-up bags are more costly than in person offerings
 - a. on average, last year 5-7 showed up to in person opportunities during the school year
 - b. now we are handing out 50 bags via each pick up event
 - c. CAA might be able to provide collaboration through funding support.
 - d. Don't anticipate live events coming back anytime soon, so need ideas for funding sources.
- **Parent Liaison Report**
 - i. Parent Meetings

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1. Parent meeting tomorrow night. Looking to get people to join the Julia Cook facebook group
 2. Topic this month is Balancing the Parenting Act
 3. Applicable to everyone, especially right now
 4. 6:30 Facebook live event
 5. Time to ask questions
 6. If not already a member of the group, join. Link is in the chat. https://www.facebook.com/groups/730343754495702?scrlyb_rkr=7109376c
 7. First session of 5 part series; they are not cumulative - can participate in one or all
 8. Promote & Join the group
 9. Anyone can participate. If you are an agency provider, this is applicable for you and anyone who is balancing things right now. This will probably resonate with everyone on this call right now, even if you don't have a young child. Please feel free to share broadly.
 10. Great Opportunity for anyone!
 11. We want you there!
- ii. October PLAY Pick up (0-3 focus)
1. 20 families picked up at event
 2. 11 home visiting bags delivered
 3. 43 kids under the age of 3 got bags
 4. Private Facebook Group for PLAY pick-up bags
 - a. music
 - b. books
 - c. activities designed to go with these bags
 - d. interaction and showing pictures of kids doing activities and enjoying the bags
- iii. Talking is Teaching
1. Preschool Staff
 - a. 50 attendees
 - b. Post Survey results
 - c. Materials out to staff
 2. Virtual training for parents Talking is Teaching
 - a. been promoting for about a month on Facebook page
 - b. 52 parents registered and sent link to main video
 - c. 26 parents have completed
 - d. 12 have picked up materials and incentives
 - e. still working on getting materials and incentives out to everyone who has completed

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3. Foster Parent training Talking is Teaching
 - a. Getting it sent out soon. It's ready to go!
 - b. Waiting for sign-ups
4. Grant ends day after Thanksgiving
 - a. Use funds or lose them!
 - b. Costs have been less than expected, so we REALLY want parents to have the training so we can use the funds up.
 - c. Please share the link on Facebook page with a minimum of 5 parents from Hillsdale county
 - d. it's about a ½ hour time commitment and a post survey!
 - e. They get materials and a Kroger gift card!
 - f. If you share it with 5 people and let me know that you did this, we are doing give-a-ways for those who share. Please do this within the next 24 hours.

3. Subcommittee Reports

- **Community Resources** - no report
- **Early Care/Learning & Literacy**
 - i. Literacy- Wendy covered the event series kicking off tomorrow night. Inviting as many people as can be involved as possible. It's intentionally tailored to our community. This session is called "Balancing the Parenting Act".
 - ii. One session will be an interview style about COVID. Looking for questions from parents/ families/ community members to post any questions that you have or you have heard in the community. Please share using this link to add questions:
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1X09nY9EmCpJ8n9HnuPt5kkUZ-L6QgYSrPlhQGOfd8GM/edit>
 - iii. Child Care- Today is the deadline for the childcare relief fund grant round 6. \$200 credit for tuition per child. Had to be in care 1 day in September. Goes to the provider as a credit for their invoice.
- **Pediatric & Family Health**
 - i. Bookmarks are wrapping up. Finalizing the QR code and information linked on the website
 - ii. Celebrate Babies was a success for Jackson Hillsdale Infant Mental Health Association.. Lots of items donated and given to pregnancy centers in Hillsdale and Jackson
 - iii. Found a great app that would support pregnancy through early childhood, however, it's very expensive. We are looking at options to make a decision.

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4. Spotlight Presentation: Linda Wise-GSRP Data Summary

- Presentation on TS Gold Data from 2017-2020
- PQA was not able to be done at the end of the 19-20 school year due to COVID and will also be waived for the 20-21 school year, so we are using TS Gold classroom data.
- Used winter data instead of spring data because some spring data was missing.
- Shorter bars are good... this means fewer children are below age level. Taller bars mean more children scored below age-level.
- Slide show of all areas of development with data points from 2017 to 2020. Discussion of the data and planning for this year.
- Focus for this year: Fine Motor, Persists, Solves Problems

5. Community Updates

- **Local Interagency Coordinating Council (LICC)**
 - i. Early On is conducting visits both virtually and in-home with PPE and COVID restrictions.
 - ii. We have received 77 referrals since July
 - iii. We are currently servicing 66 families
 - iv. We are purchasing SeeSaw to support virtual/remote learning and coaching during times that face-to-face visits cannot take place.
- **School Readiness**
 - i. We held our first School Readiness Advisory Committee meeting on Friday, November 13th. We had good discussions around family engagement and input. We strategized about areas of need or concern for our families specifically when it comes to legislative timelines that cause challenges and frustration for families. We are planning further discussion around social-emotional needs, ASQ screenings and engagement. If you would like to join our workgroup, please contact Mindy Wilson to express your interest. Our next meeting is scheduled for February 5th at 8:00am via zoom. We would love to have your voice as part of our discussions.
- **Agency Updates**
 - i. Mikids Matter- www.michigan.gov/mikidsmatter
 - ii. GSC tri-folds- Family and agency versions are ready and finalized for the year. Please let Stefanie or Wendy know and they will get them printed and sent to you.
 - iii. Darcy Affholter- Looking for Reading GSRP Preschool Assistant Teacher. Welcome any applicants.
 - iv. Preschool openings still available. If you know any kids who will be 3 or 4 by December 1st, please have family got to

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<http://www.greatstarhillsdale.com/preschool-sign-up.html> to complete an online interest form.

- v. Christie Campbell- CAPA- Donate for Cozy Kids. Jammies new or gently used to Christie

Next Meeting...December 21st

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