



Great Start Collaborative (GSC) Meeting Minutes October 19, 2020 via Zoom

Attendees:

Stefanie Rathburn, GSC
Mindy Wilson, HCISD
Kayla Horton, HCISD
Angie Turner, CAA
Rozanne Pauze, Grandparent
Darcy Afholder, Reading GSRP
Sharon Bisher, Community Foundation
Linda Wise, HCISD
Wendi Paradine, HCISD SW
Betty Elliott, Creative Child Care
Mari Nunez, Nunez Counseling & Consulting

Trista Rink, CAA
Andrea Bricker, Integro
Wendy Playford, GSC
Clint Brugger, CAA
Christine Gjestland, Highfields
Christie Campbell, CAPA
Shelley Ellis, Hillsdale Schools
Maria Ansett, BHSJ CHA
Laura Orłowski, Jonesville Library
Abbey LoPresto, DHHS

Jen Houston, Highfields
Jo Patterson, HCISD
Kaitlyn Swick, HCISD
Sara Clark, Parent
Lanae Baker, Parent
Kelly Castle, Parent
Olivia Gilbert, Domestic Harmony
Sharron Elliott, Michigan Works SE

1. Welcome

- a. Introduction of new members and welcome to all

2. Coming Together Activity/Follow Up from Retreat Sessions

- a. Reflection on work during “stay at home” from retreat collection
- b. Reflect on the entire year and what will move us forward
- c. GSC will continue to grow new programs, events, and support as well as enhance our existing activities to keep up with pandemic life events that keep us apart, but safe and healthy.
- d. Thoughts on activity or retreat

3. GSC Office Updates

a. Parent Liaison Report

- i. PLAY event, tomorrow 10-11:30. Pick up style at Hayes in the back parking lot. Focused on Birth to 3 to be intentional on young learners' birth to three. Please share with families.
- ii. Facebook PLAY group page to read stories and do music and movement as well. There will be a flier to give to parents to explain the group and how to join. Fliers and Facebook event are available for sharing.
- iii. Parent meeting last week to go over the upcoming year
 1. Virtual base

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2. 3 parents joined the meeting
- iv. Parent Cafe
 1. Topic- school back in session.
 2. Discuss challenges and what's going on
 3. Not a great response, but will continue to try
- v. Virtual Talking is Teaching
 1. Went live
 2. Facebook event/advertisement
 3. Live on the 15th
 4. 10 have signed up, 2 completed so far.
 5. Process for participation: . They go to our website, sign up on our form. Wendy will email them the video links. They can be started and stopped as many times as they need. There is about 30 minutes of content. Can be broken into segments if needed. Link to take post survey. When they complete the survey, they get an email to get training materials such as a book, math box and other materials for completing as well as a \$20 Kroger gift card. New participants only. Not for previous in person participants.
 6. Please share away! We want to see as many parents take advantage between now and November 27th when this round of funding ends!
 7. It is posted on Facebook and GSC website.

b. Trusted Advisor Update

- i. **current grant-** Wrapping up Nov. 27th.
 1. Preschool Talking is Teaching on Friday (virtual)
 - a. Focus on preschool topics
 2. Possible Talking is Teaching for foster parents... it's in the works.
 3. Did Talking is Teaching training for child care providers as well
 - a. Outside at Waterworks Park on a chilly Saturday morning in September
 - b. 8 participants joined from 5 different locations
 - c. Some home daycares, some centers
 - d. Very receptive group

4. Upcoming Trusted Advisor Grant Discussion

- a. Grant due end of this month
- b. Not competitive, you get funded if application is appropriate
- c. Had a small group that came together to brainstorm some ideas
 - i. 1 page summary document lays out ideas shared

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1. Expand what we've been doing with Talking is Teaching. Make Hillsdale County a Talking is Teaching Community.
 - a. Emphasis on reaching Dads. Focus on Fathers- "A Day in the Park" weave in pieces of Talking is Teaching - maybe a 3 part series(math, reading, social emotional)
 - b. Focus on pregnant Moms/expecting Families- work with hospital, OB offices, health department on how to get them involved prior to delivery
 - c. How can we make Talking Is Teaching more prevalent in our community?
 - d. Incentives for participation
 - e. Hope is for them to be face to face, so would hold our til later in funding cycle
2. Parent Cafes
 - a. Opportunity for outreach and parent engagement; consider events in outlying communities
 - b. Incentivize participation
 - c. Hold out for Face to Face?
3. Child Care Provider Support
 - a. Create an opportunity to bring child care providers together for support & networking; GSC to gather input from providers about specific hopes for such an opportunity and then pilot a series of events.
 - b. Some events may be informal networking and some may include training content
 - c. Call Out Discussion, virtually in spring to gather input , followed by a series of events that hopefully can be face to face.
 - d. Idea generated from feedback shared at Talking is Teaching training last month.
- d. Available in January of 2021 and spent by Nov.20 21. Allocation is \$25,000 this time around.
- e. Parameters for focus: How you can engage families you are not already reaching
- f. Thoughts
 - i. Feel free to provide feedback to Stefanie.

5. Feedback re: recording GSC meetings

- a. Several agency people and parents who have interest in participating and engaging in GSC. Their schedule does not allow for participation during the current time.
- b. How would you feel about recording?

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- i. Sara Clark, parent thinks it's a great option for working parents
- ii. Kelly Castle, agrees its a great idea as well
- iii. Would it limit feedback if recorded? Would people feel less comfortable to speak up?
- iv. Having the recording could help.
- v. Could stop recording if didn't want it recorded
- vi. It would bring opportunity for parents to see what the meeting is to reduce fear and anxiety
- vii. Clint and Maria support having it recorded
- viii. Beginning in November we will start recording.
- c. Would be shared with people who want to be engaged in the work
- d. Minutes are a glimpse, but don't provide the same richness and opportunity for input as you would get from a recording.

6. Updates from Subcommittees

- a. Community Resources
 - i. Releasing Pandemic Pages recently developed to add into the Resource Directory for Hillsdale County
 - ii. Subcommittee meets after this. Working on Lunch and Learn to promote Resource Guide to make it available for all community members. Stay Tuned.
 - iii. You will get an email stating it's available later this afternoon. It will be sent as an attachment and can be found in the signature line of Stefanie's email as well. Must click and download to be active links. Reach out to Stefanie with any difficulty.
 - iv. Caution: Remember that it can be printed and saved, but there are regular updates. Recommended to access directly from the website to have the most recent document. It is dated to know when updates have been made.
 - v. Clint- will this go out to school districts? Yes, the subcommittee is looking at target groups today.

7. Community Updates

a. Local Interagency Coordinating Council (LICC)

- i. Early On is conducting face-to-face home visits with PPE and limited daily visits.
- ii. 54 referrals since July. Down from 84 around this time last year. State-wide trend. If you know anyone with a child birth to age 3 who has concerns for their child's development and would like to refer their child to Early On, please have them call 1800EarlyOn or visit 1800EarlyOn.org to make a referral.

b. School Readiness

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- i. Members interested in joining the GSRP School Advisory Workgroup, please see Mindy. The workgroup will meet 2-4 times this school year to discuss and plan for topics related to Hillsdale County GSRP and school readiness.
- ii. Preschool opportunities are still available. Please encourage interested families with children age 3 before December 1st to apply using our GSC website or by calling CAA at 437-3346. GSRP has lifted the income eligibility for the 20-21 school year, so all 4 year olds are eligible, but space is limited.
- iii. Data Dive report
 - 1. Meeting held Friday
 - 2. Good participation
 - 3. Interesting information
 - 4. Data is skewed a bit due to Covid.
 - 5. Look forward to sharing in November.

c. Agency Updates

- i. Warm the Children- Application date end this week
 - 1. Only had 8 families sign up so far.
 - 2. We need to get the information out.
 - 3. Call 437-3346 Ext 3321 to schedule a virtual appointment
 - 4. Don't have to come in.
 - 5. Need a social security card and proof of income.
 - 6. We don't want to see this go away for Hillsdale County, get signed up as soon as possible.
- ii. Clint is now Training and Outreach Director
 - 1. Will be exiting the GSC group, but Angie and others will continue to join us
 - 2. Clint thanked everyone and has been proud to be part of a GSC that gets things done!
- iii. Andrea Bricker- Celebrate Babies
 - 1. Stefanie will email information from Andrea out to everyone
 - 2. Week-long event.
 - 3. Releasing Babies Speak Video!
 - 4. Jackson-Hillsdale IMH Chapter has a Facebook page -encouraged to follow.
- iv. Hillsdale CAPA October is Safe Sleep Awareness Month
 - 1. Daily post on Facebook - please share
- v. Fall Fest- Thursday
 - 1. Drive through at Hayes; 310 W. Bacon

Next Meeting...November 16th at 9:40 a.m.

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