

Parent Meeting Minutes

January 19, 2022

3:30 – 4:30 p.m.



Attendance: Sara Clark, Rozanne Pauze, Kelly Castle, Stefanie Rathburn, Wendy Playford

1. Order drinks/sign-in/parent networking (3:30-3:40)
2. Welcome and Introductions
3. Great Start Collaborative – No meeting in December
 - Subcommittee update – No meeting in December
 - Current GSC initiatives – Community Baby Shower, Newborn Literacy Bags, Welcome Baby Visits
4. Free Little Library (Parent-led Strategy)
 - Books – on hand and available at the end of the meeting
 - Marketing efforts
 - Newspaper article Stefanie to reach out to new contact.
 - Status updates
 - Updates given. See tracking form for more details.
 - Osseo location update
 - LFL has been picked up from closed business and will be relocated in the future.
 - New LFL and grant funds were also discussed briefly.
 - Dollar General has literacy focused grants Wendy will explore option. Possible new locations to consider is daycare centers. Wendy will be in contact with Kristy Wood of Child Care Network to get information on Hillsdale County's largest child care centers. Other considerations with new LFL is a kid friendly height at which it would be installed.
5. Text4Baby (Parent-led Strategy)
 - What's next?
 - Look into doing a CAPA baby bag insert
 - Community Baby Shower
 - Parent Group table with a prize wheel for all who sign up for Text4Baby service. (Stefanie has prize wheel)

6. Community Presentation

- Status update on MSU Extension
 - Lindsay is no longer with MSU Extension. Stefanie has an upcoming call with a new MSU Extension contact.
- January – Gun Safe Home, Unlock the Conversation (State-wide offering)
- February – Recognizing Stress in Young Children
- March – What Reading Looks Like... with a baby, with a toddler, with a preschooler
 - Wendy will be sending text reminders in the afternoon to the virtual offerings in Jan. & Feb.

7. New Parents

- Always accepting new parents.

8. Social Media

- Like and share our Facebook posts.

9. Upcoming Events

- Hello Winter
- Craft Night

10. Wrap-up & questions (4:20-4:30)

Next Parent Meeting – February 23, 2022

The Great Start Collaborative Outcomes

- ★ Children are born healthy.
- ★ Children are healthy, thriving and developmentally on track from birth to third grade.
- ★ Children are developmentally ready to succeed in school at time of school entry.
- ★ Children are prepared to succeed in fourth grade and beyond by reading proficiently by the end of third grade.

