

Family Coalition Meeting Minutes

February 20, 2024

4:00 – 5:00 p.m.



1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Ice breaker – wildlife encounters
3. Past Events –
 - Pajama Party review – Text reminder sent, rescheduled date, 8 families with 14 kids
 - Craft Night review – Text reminder sent, record number of registered families, 35 families (46 adults and 59 children)
 - Hard for kids to focus on story with toys out still, maybe have story time out of the infant area
 - Talking is Teaching trainings held – text reminders sent,
 - Feb 3 – 8 Families, total of 11 adults; Feb 10 – 12 families, total of 16 adults
4. GSC meeting and subcommittee meetings:
 - Great Start Collaborative – Helping Hands presentation given
 - Evidence based parenting classes offered (Earn While You Learn); offer an opportunity to earn a free car seat; basic items give out (clothing, diapers, formula); provide a baby box at the hospital to all deliveries; they are working with the local court system to provide free parent education; Fatherhood group to start up soon in the evenings
 - Literacy Subcommittee – Hillsdale Co Kids Read deliveries made (new locations are some staffing agencies and funeral homes); StoryWalk planning has started
 - Book – Cows in the Kitchen
 - Activities at the reading stations ideas– Sheep in the shower page could have a clean the sheep station, duck pool area
 - Take home activity idea – paper bag animal puppet
 - Community Resource Subcommittee – Pastor Shaw with King’s Kupboard attended
 - General overview of how the food pantry works, also starting to see some younger families
 - Bacon St Little Free Library will be installed there
 - Prenatal and Pediatric Health Subcommittee – Community Baby Shower Planning
 - **Welcome Baby Marketing materials**
 - Child Care Subcommittee – Child Care Chirp Newsletter, Child Care Appreciation Day in May
 - Preschool Leadership and Advocacy –

5. Parent-Led Strategies:

- Little Free Libraries –
 - Books available for restocking LFL
 - New locations in outlying areas updates – Waldron, Pittsford, Camden, Litchfield
 - New locations in general – CASA, Michigan Works, Kings Kupboard, Adventures of the A Team, Waldron Resident, Jonesville parks, Jonesville middle school, and Overflowing Cups and Cones
 - How to Celebrate new locations opening?
 - Litchfield to possibly be first installed
 - Announce LFL opening at local library storytime, social media posts (like community pages in addition to ours), newspaper article, and possible pop-up at multiple new LFL locations at once to give away something little
- Winter activity list creation
 - Partnership with the Hillsdale Library and the 1st and 3rd Friday playgroup offerings.
 - Shared the Thank You note we received from the library
 - Review revised Winter time idea sheet
 - Received feedback and will update with the new information

6. Upcoming events

- March is Reading Month Night of Fun! – March 7
- Preschool Connect - March
- Talking is Teaching Parent Training – April 13
- Community Baby Shower – May 18
 - Volunteers welcome to man the table

After meeting books given to Little Free Library stewards – 28

Next Parent Meeting – March 19, 2024