

Family Coalition Meeting Minutes

May 21, 2024

4:00 – 5:00 p.m.



1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Past Events –
 - Spring Fling - 42 families with 85 kids attended
 - Great stuff given, child really loved seeing the bunny
 - Community Baby Shower – 65 families with 116 adults & 51 kids attended. 36 male caregivers were in attendance.
 - Good information. Not enough time to do the gym and posters. Enjoyed talking to everyone.
3. GSC meeting and subcommittee meetings:
 - [Video link to all recorded meetings click here](#)
 - Brief overview – Michigan Alliance for Families presented at the full GSC meeting. Literacy Subcommittee is continuing to work on the StoryWalk prep. Community Resources Subcommittee continued discussions regarding social/emotional kits.
4. Parent-Led Strategies:
 - Little Free Libraries –
 - Assign new libraries to volunteers
 - Kelly C volunteered for Carl Fast Park & Pam D/Ashley K volunteered for Wright Street Park
 - Books available for restocking LFL – Extra books on hand to share for over the summer
 - LFL Pop-Up Feedback/discussion
 - The families that did show up really enjoyed the goodies. One location had 0 families come out.
 - Possible additional Pop-Up for sometime in June
 - We will check the status of the Litchfield LFL and see if it has been installed yet. Looking at June to possibly host another pop-up with the 2 Jonesville locations along with Litchfield
5. End of School Year
 - Summary Document
 - Document attached
 - Parent Survey to be sent out after the meeting

6. Summer Retreat

- Set date – Aug 13, 2024, at Owen Memorial Park from 4:30 – 5:30 with pizza and salad provided.

7. Upcoming events

- Literacy Pop-Up – May 23 (rain date May 30)
- Safety Fair – June 18 <Volunteers>
- Summer PLAY Events – June 25, July 9, & August 6
- StoryWalk – July 27 (rain date Aug 10) <Volunteers>

After meeting books given to Little Free Library stewards – 90 books given

Next Parent Meeting – Summer Retreat August 13

2023 / 2024 Year In Review



Hillsdale County

Parent Led Strategy:

Develop a resource of fun winter family activities that promote learning and a connection to the community.



- A Winter Activity Ideas list has been drafted for the upcoming winter
- Partnered with the Hillsdale Community Library to add an additional Free Play Friday offering to the community
- Discussed possible additional event offerings for the upcoming winter

Parent Led Strategy:

Maintain Free Little Libraries across the county by providing books and volunteering to monitor book availability at each library site, and install new Little Free Libraries in outlying areas.

Marketing efforts:

- Updated flyer distributed
- Updated video posted on Facebook
- Hosted Pop-Up Event



8 New Little Free Library locations for a total of **15** in Hillsdale County!

About **1,958** books were added to the LFL's to keep them stocked and looking **AWESOME!!**



Knowledge Nuggets Provided

Positive Bedtime Routine



Healthy Recipe

Ways to build socialization in children

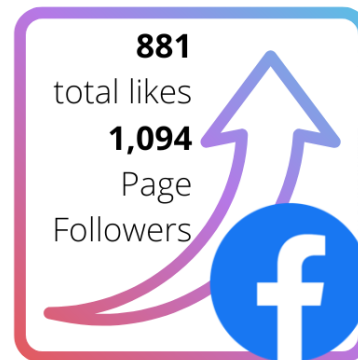


Benefits of outside play

Importance of play



5 Tips to stress less with a picky eater



130 new likes in the past year
229 new followers in the past year