

Parent Meeting Minutes

February 23, 2022

3:30 – 4:30 p.m.



1. Order drinks/sign-in/parent networking (3:30-3:40)
2. Welcome and Introductions
3. Great Start Collaborative
 - Current GSC Initiatives
 - Welcome Baby Visits – In the planning stages and the behind the scenes work is being done. Survey creation, marketing materials, ordering of items, processes, etc.
 - What's Next? Social Emotional kits – Items are being ordered. If possible kick off to be at the Spring Fling event.
 - Community Baby Shower – In the planning stages and has its own work group that will be taking the lead on the event. Anyone is welcome to join the group.
4. Little Free Library (Parent-led Strategy)
 - Books – on hand and available at the end of the meeting
 - Marketing efforts
 - Flyer went in the Books for Babies bag and dissemination started on Feb 1, 2022.
 - Status updates
 - See LFL tracking sheet
 - 1st choice and 2nd choice to relocate Osseo LFL (come with ideas)
 - 1st choice: Lil Rangers Daycare. 2nd choice: Litchfield toddler park
 - Grant and new locations possibilities update
 - Dollar General Youth Literacy Grant: Max amount \$4,000 per year. Grant awarded 2 consecutive years but 3rd year you must break. Application available March 10, 2022. Application due May 5, 2022. Awards announced September 8, 2022.
 - Discussion was had on the possibility of having a mobile and/or indoor LFL. Research will need to be done to verify if it is a feasible idea.
5. Text4Baby (Parent-led Strategy)
 - CAPA baby bag inserts

- Proofs reviewed. Business card size was selected. Rewording of the text and the possible removal of floral images discussed. These will be reworked and brought to the next meeting.
- Community Baby Shower table with prize wheel
 - Staying on agenda as a reminder that it will be an upcoming item. No discussion was held.

6. Community Presentation

- Recap:
 - January – Gun Safe Home, Unlock the Conversation (State-wide offering)
 - 42 participants. Very interactive with 3 breakout sessions.
 - February – Recognizing Stress in Young Children
 - 13 participants. 9 evaluations returned. Great questions and discussion.
- Upcoming:
 - March – What Reading Looks Like... with a baby, with a toddler, with a preschooler
 - RSVP required by March 3, 2022 spread the word
- April/May topics
 - April possible topic Self Care with Andrea Bricker
 - May possible topic How to Find Quality Child Care in Hillsdale County with Kristy Wood

7. Events

- Recap:
 - Hello Winter
 - 900+ Facebook post reach. 0 Families. Great weather, great hill.
 - Craft Night
 - 5 Families. Awesome heart crafts made.
- Upcoming:
 - Spring Fling
 - Flyer will be out soon. Drive-thru style event to celebrate spring. March 22, 2022 at 5 p.m. held in the parking lot of Dean Jennings.
 - Jonesville Library Family Literacy Night
 - If there is a flyer we will be sure to share it. Structured with a story, songs, and crafts we will be collaborating with the library on this event. March 31, 2022 at 5 p.m.
 - Preschool Connect
 - Online event. Flyer will be shared when it is released. April 11 – 14, 2022 on the Preschool Connect Facebook page.

8. New Parents

9. Social Media

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

Next Parent Meeting – March 16, 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.

