

MEETING MINUTES

Great Start Parent Coalition

January 26, 2009

Jackson District Library, Carnegie Branch
& Conference Call



JAN 26 ATTENDANCE: G. Balcita, S. Balcita, D. Duffin, A. Walker, J. Lamphere

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ACTION ITEM	PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DUE DATE
Identify if school district has/will have a CSH/EC Team	All	Immediate
Select 5-7 organizations to contact and maintain IL supplies	All	Immediate
Organize IL fundraiser - pancake breakfast	A. Walker	In Process
Mail poverty inquiry to legislators	J. Lamphere	Done 1/26/09
Identify 2009 legislative town hall meeting schedules	J. Lamphere	In Process
Promote Community Parent Appreciation Event	All	6-Mar-09
Finalize promotion materials for JDL meetings	J. Lamphere	Done
Contact J. Lamphere for Feb election info	All	18-Feb-09
See Volunteer Opportunities Below and schedule	All	Immediate

MEETING SUMMARY

REVIEW OF MINUTES

- The minutes from December were submitted for review and approval. No corrections were noted; minutes were approved.

COORDINATED SCHOOL HEALTH/EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION MODEL

- **BEAN ELEMENTARY – C. Balderman**
 - Due to illness, C. Balderman was unavailable for an update.
- **JPS UPDATE – J. Embury**
 - J. Embury reported that she will be unable to attend the JPS meetings due to her work schedule; the GSPC will begin to look for replacement representation.
- **PARAGON – R. Jones**
 - The Paragon Committee held their first meeting in January. Unfortunately, R. Jones was unable to attend but will update the Parent Coalition as she receives her meeting minutes.
- **TOWNSEND ELEMENTARY – G. Balcita**
 - G. Balcita reported that Townsend does not appear to be ready to move forward with this initiative but will continue to try and support the process through his involvement with the PTO.
- **JACKSON CHRISTIAN - A. Walker**
 - A. Walker reported that she has delivered an information packet to the school principal and plans to schedule a meeting in the coming week to discuss Jackson Christian's participation.

- In follow up to last month's meeting, no parents have been identified to represent Great Start on either Northwest or Michigan Center's teams. The GSPC will continue to look for representation.
 - If Coalition members know of someone with young children in either of these districts who may be a good candidate, please contact J. Lamphere.
- **ALL GS PARENT COALITION MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO TALK WITH THEIR PRINCIPAL** (if you have school-age children) **AND IDENTIFY IF THERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THEM OR A MEMBER OF THE COALITION TO REPRESENT GREAT START AND EARLY CHILDHOOD ON THEIR SCHOOL'S TEAM** (*talking points are available if you would like a copy*); please contact J. Lamphere as soon as possible with this information.

PARENT APPRECIATION EVENT

- GSPC will host a community "Parents Night Out" on Friday, March 6, from 5:30 – 7:30 PM at the Jackson Coffee Company. The purpose of this event is to appreciate the participation of those parents who serve on the GSPC, to inform the community about Great Start, and to recruit additional parents to join our efforts.
 - John Willis, Director of the King Recreation Center will be our guest speaker
 - Childcare is available by reservation (on or before Fri, Feb 27)
 - Dessert/refreshment bar will be open to all participants
 - Drawings will be held
 - Live music will begin at 7:00 PM
- J. Lamphere emphasized that the success of this event rests in GSPC's ability to attract new members who have a passion for the work of the coalition.
 - Nothing will get new people to this event like a personal invitation from a current GSPC member. While local media will be used to promote, all GSPC members are asked to please use the attached flier to invite, invite, invite eligible parents to attend.

FEBRUARY ELECTION – 2009/10 Parent Representatives for the GS Collaborative

- Per the recently revised GS Collaborative Guidelines, the GS Parent Coalition will hold an election at the February 2009 meeting to nominate its' new parent representation to sit as voting members of the GS Collaborative. Those receiving GSPC nomination, will be formally recommended to the GS Collaborative during their March meeting for acceptance.
 - Parents must be full participating members of the Coalition in order to be considered
 - Parents must be willing to meet GS Collaborative attendance requirements
 - If anyone would like additional information, please contact J. Lamphere

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- Select 5-7 area Imagination Library registration locations to contact every 4-6 weeks to see if they need additional materials.
 - Notify J. Lamphere to mail as needed.

- D. Duffin volunteered to host the GSPC story hour on Wed, May 20, at the Springport Branch Library.
 - An additional volunteer is still needed to host a story hour at the Carnegie Branch Library on a Wed at 10:00 AM on a date of your choice. Please contact J. Lamphere asap if you are able to give about an hour of your time to help host this event.
- Parent Appreciation Event
 - G. Balcita, S. Balcita, D. Duffin, and A. Walker all volunteered to serve as greeters and hosts at the upcoming Parents Night Out on March 6.
 - Please let J. Lamphere know if you would be willing to assist in hosting
- Angel Food Orders
 - The GSPC would like to become involved in serving needy families via Angel Food
 - Volunteers are needed for approximately 2 hours once a month to help take food orders.
 - Volunteers are also needed for about two hours once per month to pick up and deliver food
 - Please contact J. Lamphere if you would like to reach out and let Jackson see Great Start parents in action
- New Jackson Transformation Gathering - a community event for all government and faith-based initiatives is being held on Saturday, May 30, from 12-7 PM at Dungy Stadium (Jackson High Football Field) and Great Start will have a booth to be staffed.
 - If you are willing to serve for even an hour, please contact J. Lamphere to volunteer.
 - Please consider helping us raise awareness within the Jackson about Great Start

QUARTERLY DRAWING – Fourth Quarter 2008 Parent Participation

- A drawing was held for a “Parent Success” gift bag
- Entries were based upon fourth quarter 2008 parent participation in the Coalition
- D. Duffin was the winner

MONTHLY LEADERSHIP – *Leadership vs. Management*

- Parents received a thought provoking article (attached) discussing the difference between leadership and management and the appropriate application of each.
 - All are asked to not only read this piece but to share with others who could benefit from a different perspective.

NEXT MEETINGS

- Wed, **Feb 18**, 2:00 PM (immediately following story hour) JDL, Carnegie Branch
- Mon, **Feb 23**, 6:30 – 7:30 PM, Conference Call (712.580.7700 press GS1# when prompted to access call)
- Mon, **Mar 16**, 6:00 PM (prior to story hour) JDL, Summit Branch (this evening meeting will replace conference call for the month of March)
- Wed, **Mar 25**, 11:00 AM, (immediately following story hour) JDL, Spring Arbor Branch
- Mon, **Apr 20**, 10:30 AM, (immediately following story hour) JDL, Parma Branch
- Mon, **Apr 20**, 6:30 – 7:30 PM, Conference Call (712.580.7700 press GS1# when prompted to access call)

