

MEETING MINUTES

Great Start Parent Coalition

June 20, 2008

4:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Ella Sharp Park



Attendance: G. Balcita, S. Balcita, S. Butters, D. Duffin, D. Gibson, J. Jones, R. Jones, J. Lamphere, K. Stairs, A. Walker

Meeting Summary:

Great Start Family Picnic

- A picnic was held with the purpose of recruiting new members to the Great Start Parent Coalition
 - This event was promoted throughout the community with fliers and personal invitations from members of the Coalition
 - The picnic was attended by six new families and informed countless others of the Coalition's work
 - The event was attended by eight existing Coalition members and their families; it provided a great teambuilding opportunity.
- A brief meeting was held with all attendees at the conclusion of the meal and covered the following topics:
 - A description of the purpose and vision of the Great Start Collaborative and Coalition was given as well as an overview of how these two groups interact
 - All were invited to attend the SAU Learning Fair and help staff Great Start's booth
 - The next meeting of the Coalition was announced and all were invited to attend
 - It was announced that the Coalition would have a presence at the upcoming Relay for Life in August. Volunteers to head up this effort were requested
 - All were invited to the next Family Picnic to be held at Loomis Park on Tuesday, Aug. 12, from 4-7 PM.
 - Volunteers were requested to attend a local free lunch site to read to the children and promote Imagination Library as well as the Coalition.
 - Parents were asked to pick a day to go door-to-door promoting Imagination Library in their neighborhood and look for opportunities to invite others into the work of the Coalition

Next Meeting:

- ***The next Parent Coalition meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 15, from 9:00 – 11:00 AM on the playground of Lincoln Elementary School (154 Clark Street). Children are welcome but no formal daycare will be provided.***