MEETING MINUTES

GREAT START FAMILIES

September 12, 2016

Immanuel Lutheran Church

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IN ATTENDANCE: Elyia L., Katie H., Stevi S., Alice W., Stephanie F., Jody L., Chrissi B., and Jen Ganzel (Parent Liaison)

SUMMARY

* Introductions included sharing your favorite thing about Fall.
* Conversation about meeting time and dates. While most agreed consistency was good they like the idea of a few evening meetings throughout the year to include kids in activities like the holiday party, crafting, yoga etc. The 2nd Tuesday of each month 10:30am – 12:30pm is where we are trying to land in addition to above mentioned. Childcare and facility availability must be confirmed.
* 2 learning opportunities were shared. Individualized Positive Behavior Supports for Student Success by Michigan Alliance for Families September 23rd, and the Annual Parenting Awareness Michigan Conference November 18th in Lansing. We have the budget for 4 parents to attend. If you have interest, speak the Jen Ganzel.
* Diaper drive discussion brought many new drop box location ideas. Alice and Eliya looking into Cornerstone Church and Arby’s. Jen will contact the Toy House. Many ideas for local shops and businesses to approach about their support through mini diaper drives. We will finalize the list and work on distribution.
* Went through list of upcoming dates and events of interest along with parent additions including Red Egg Farm Imagination Library fundraiser, Fall Fest and Ella Sharp and committee meetings.
* Welcomed representatives from Shared Hope to speak about Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking. The data and statistics were difficult to hear but necessary to learn to be aware and help keep our kids safe.