

Ingham Great Start Collaborative Operations Committee Notes

03/14/19

ATTENDEES: Effie Alofoje-Carr, Jessica Baker, Wendy Boyce, Lucy McClintic, Corrie Mervyn, Barb Monroe, Michelle Nicholson, Stephanie Thelen

I. The 02/14/19 Operations Committee Notes were approved as stated. There was an addition to today's Agenda: Outcome Group 4 Discussion.

II. Inclusion Activity – Parent Café Question

Today's Parent Café question was "*How do you support your child's literacy development?*"

- Barb recently read her daughter's book, entitled "Families Are," to her grandchildren on Facebook and challenged others to also read Live on Facebook. The CRC Facebook video can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/GreatStartToQualityCentralResourceCenter/videos/vb.271560622984448/393918734520022/?type=2&theater>.
- Lucy has been a guest reader at local Head Start classrooms. One classroom visited has a wall-sized rainbow that charts books read.
- Corrie's son participates in "One School, One Book"—which included a kick-off, trivia questions, activities, and a daily YouTube video featuring a teacher reading.
- Effie and Jessica are mystery readers at local schools.

[The WKAR Literacy Video](#), featuring both Calendars, the Read by Grade 3 Law, and information regarding the importance of literacy, on development was shared with Operations.

III. Family Engagement

- a) **Parent Café** – The next Parent Café is scheduled for Tuesday, March 19, from 10:00-11:30 a.m. at the [Family Growth Center](#). Literacy and other community resources will be discussed. All families are welcome. Call 517.371.1347 in advance to reserve childcare. Contact Effie inghamllq@gmail.com or 517.918.4729 with questions.

- b) **Family Coalition (FC)** – [Two FC meetings](#) have been scheduled for this month, March 7, and 28, 2019, at the [Family Growth Center](#). Both new and returning parents—from various school districts and Head Start—attended last week’s meeting. With March’s focus on reading, discussion included literacy, Read by Grade 3 Law, and resources. Call 517.371.1347 in advance to reserve childcare. Reading backpacks and tablets from CADL were shared as a resource for families. Outcome 1 survey questions will also be asked at the March 28 FC meeting.
- c) **Kinship Care Support Group** – Jessica attended the February 21, 2019 Kinship Care Support Group meeting and invited the families to the March 28, 2019 Family Coalition meeting. Jessica shared the Parent Resource Guide, talked about the importance of literacy, shared the Calendars, and directed families to the [Literacy Badge](#) on the [Ingham ISD website](#).

IV. CAUW Collaborative Funding Grant

The following organizations are partnering for this grant application, with the total amount requested of approximately \$200,000. The project focus is “Engaging Families in Early Literacy (EFEL).” If awarded the full grant amount, partners would do the following activities:

- a) **Ingham GSC** – Will coordinate this project, with Kae Dubay (LLG/GSC Parent) as coordinator. Kae will observe programming and provide support. Ingham GSC will fund a small portion of a home visitor, and continue to pursue development of the Calendar App.
- b) **Islamic Society of Greater Lansing (ISGL)** – Will offer parent/child playgroups at Greater Lansing Islamic School, Friday and Saturday workshops, a monthly seminar focused on literacy, and a one-week summer camp to reinforce literacy.
- c) **Refugee Development Center** – Will provide home visiting to refugee families focused on literacy and the American school system. They will also provide workshops related to literacy and parenting skills.
- d) **South Lansing Ministries** – Will provide a program, “Breakfast with Books,” at Wexford Montessori weekly before school. The first part of the program will be families and children together—the second part will include parent-café style conversation focused on literacy development, including social-emotional.

- a) **Great Start Evaluation Final Report** – The final report/PowerPoint is available. Due to detail, length, and context that may be difficult to interpret, relevant highlights will be shared and posted to the Ingham GSC website. Highlights include collaboration with partners, diverse representation, work focused on strategic plans, parents as partners in the work, focus on changing systems, etc.
- b) **Kinship Care Forum Discussion** – Held March 7, 2019, in Dearborn. Michelle, Wendy, and Francine attended. Discussion included a panel of 11 individuals—7 being legislators. Kinship supports were discussed, along with discussion regarding a kinship navigation system.
- c) **Foundation Review Article** – Ingham GSC was featured in the December 2018 issue. The article discusses how the ABLe Change framework is used and is entitled [“Creating Habits for Inclusive Change.”](#)
- d) **Calendar App** – Red Cedar Solutions Group is excited to work with this project if chosen. Other organizations are being considered to compare ideas and costs.
- e) **Asthma Training – 5/1/19 [Asthma Friendly Childcare Training](#)**
Presented by Tiffany Doolittle at [Ingham Health Plan Corp, 3425 Belle Chase Way](#), Lansing. Cost: \$30. Contact Tiffany at 517.336.3787 for more information.
- f) **[MiRegistry](#) Update** - Upcoming changes will occur for childcare providers to access the New World Now platform, which is replacing Mosaic. Every provider must have a [MiRegistry](#) account, as that is how they access the New World Now platform. More information to come when available.
- g) **June Meeting Changes** – Due to schedule conflicts, both the June Operations and GSC meeting dates are changed, respectively, to 6/6/19 and 6/12/19.
- h) **Great Start to Quality Orientation** - Scheduled for Wednesday, March 20, 2019, at 8:30 a.m. Find more information about other training sessions can be found at <https://go.miregistry.org/>.

VIII. Future Meetings – All meetings will be held at Ingham ISD Early Childhood Services, [6520 Mercantile Way](#), Suites 1 & 2, Lansing, MI.

- a) **GSC Meetings** – 03/20/19 and 04/17/19 from 1:00-3:30 p.m.
- b) **Operations Meetings** – 04/11/19 and 05/02/19 from 2:30-4:00 p.m.

IX. Adjourn

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