

Ingham Great Start Collaborative Operations Committee Notes

10/10/19
2:30 – 5:00 pm

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

- I. The 10/10/19 meeting agenda and the 09/12/19 meeting notes were approved as stated.

II. Inclusion Activity – Parent Café Question

The Parent Café question, *“How have you invested in your child’s education?”* was discussed:

- Continually advocate for my child.
- Play, which changes through time. Use board games to learn how to play. Education isn’t always “formal.”
- Have high expectations (i.e. graduate from high school, go to college); use various opportunities for learning.
- Have daily conversations (communication) that include your children.
- Be involved in the community to enhance opportunities beyond school.

III. Family Engagement

a) Family Coalition (FC) Meeting – The September FC meeting was well attended, continues to grow, and included families from Kinship Care and license-exempt providers. Families will direct topics of interest for the year.

b) FY20 Family Coalition Meeting Schedule – The October [FC meeting](#) is scheduled for tonight, while the November meeting is scheduled for 11/14/19, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. at the [Family Growth Center](#). Contact Jessica Baker 517.899.4754 or InghamGSCPARENTS@gmail.com with questions.

Jessica was invited to share information regarding the Family Coalition next week at a Central Resource Center orientation, as well as CACS Head Start Policy Council.

IV. Plan 10/16/19 GSC Meeting Agenda

- a) Inclusion Activity** – Jessica will prepare a Parent Café Question.
- b) Family Coalition Update** – Jessica will share updates.

c) PDG B-5 Listening Session

There will be three groups with questions for families and for early childhood providers, and community stakeholders. Each group will have a facilitator, note take, and time keeper:

- Facilitators – Wendy, Michelle, Lisa
- Note Takers – Stephanie, Danielle R., Kristen O.
- Time Keepers – Will be determined at the GSC meeting.

Seven questions will be asked within a 35-minute period for the two separate audiences, families and early childhood providers/community stakeholders. We will separate early childhood providers/community stakeholders into 2 groups to make smaller groups for conversation. The groups will re-convene to answer five additional questions as a full group. Questions will be emailed to GSC members in advance for richer discussion during the meeting. Arising themes will be submitted, and are due to School Readiness Consulting 10/25/2019.

d) GSC Updates – There were no new updates not already discussed.

e) Evaluation – Members will be asked to share one feeling word to describe the meeting.

f) Chair: Barb Monroe

Timekeeper: Corrie Mervyn

V. Operations Committee Updates

a) Meeting Date Changes

January GSC meeting – switch from 1/15/20 to 1/22/20

April Operations meeting – switch from 4/9/20 to 4/2/20

May GSC meeting – switch from 5/20/20 to 5/27/20

b) Upcoming GSC Spotlights

November – Kathy Vogel & J. Thomas Munley (trauma)

December – Alicia Guevara-Warren & Joe Kozakiewicz (Kinship Care Resource Center update)

January – Corrie Mervyn (Birth to 3 Literacy Essentials)

February – Sarah Kenney (opioid substance awareness)

c) Pritzker Action Team Feedback Meetings

Some meetings have occurred, while others are in the planning stages. During the September Family Coalition and data was collected on access to quality infant/toddler care. Additionally, October LLG meeting focused on home visitation and early intervention was the focus of an action team meeting for Early On.

Corrie and Nicole Greiter plan an action team meeting at Willow Tree on 10/28/2019. The documentary, *No Small Matter*, will also be shared.

d) FY20 State Budget Update

GSRP will receive a \$5M increase statewide for new slots. While there are programs that have indicated a need for additional slots, it is not yet known if Ingham ISD will receive additional slots. ISDs who are below the threshold of serving 60% or less of eligible children will be prioritized to receive additional slots. Ingham ISD has been hovering around the 60% threshold during the past few years.

Additionally, \$50,000 has been budgeted for GSRP evaluation using MKEO data. There have been changes to program monitoring, and will be done continually rather than every three years. (Previously, a smaller number of programs received full monitoring—going forward, all programs will be monitored annually, but with a smaller number of focus areas.) The two focuses for FY20 are recruitment and enrollment and daily routines.

32p/GSC Prior to a signed budget, tentative allocations for GSCs were released. CCDF funds will no longer be used to support GSCs; hence GSCs across the state will receive reduced funding. Ingham GSC's funding *may* be reduced by approximately \$30,000. The announcement of final allocations is expected soon.

e) CAUW Grant Update

EFEL partners began programming. The Islamic Society had 24 children in attendance at their first playgroup and may add an additional group to meet the need. South Lansing Ministries is hosting Breakfast with Books at Wexford Elementary and working on building their enrollment. Refugee Development Center started home visiting and literacy workshops. EFEL partners meet monthly as programming gets underway, and hope to have programming facilitators meet to share experiences at the end of 2019.

Discussion continues regarding the development of an App for the Ingham Early Learning Calendar for a more turn-key school readiness platform. Quotes to develop this App have ranged from \$20,000 to \$200,000, along with three demos of potential options. Trusted Advisors grant funding received is being used to purchase literacy materials for families participating in EFEL programming. Literacy materials will include books from Engaging Families in their children's literacy development workshops so families can practice at home. Children attending programs will receive books to build their home library.

- f) ECSN Update – No scope of FY20 Workplan/budget has been approved.
- g) Early Childhood Certification - Changes in teacher certification for Birth-Kindergarten and PreK- 3 grade educators will be phasing in over the next five years. MDE has been working with a group to develop the standards for these grade band certifications, including universities. There will be a stronger emphasis on whole child and literacy. More information will follow.
- h) LLG will receive \$40,000 in grant funds for FY20. This amount has remained constant for the last few years.

LLG has a site visit scheduled with ECIC staff on November 6, from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm. ECIC requests supporting documents be sent electronically prior to the visit.

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

- a) **GSC Meetings** – 10/16/19; and 11/20/19, from 1:00-3:30 pm
- b) **Operations Meetings** – 11/14/19; and 12/12/19, from 2:30-4:30 pm

VII. Adjourn

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