

Ingham Great Start Collaborative

Meeting Notes

10/16/19
1:00 – 3:30 pm

Present: Jessica Baker-Parent Liaison, Wendy Boyce-Ingham ISD/GSC, Juanita Castillo-Small Folks Dev. Center, Lisa Chambers-ICHHD, LaDawn Caldwell-Cradles to Crayons, Noah DeFouw-Lansing Parks & Rec, Kae Dubai-Parent, Mari Garza-CADL, Kathy Kelly-CAPS/FGC, Adriana Leo-ICHHD, Lucy McClintic-CACS Head Start, Corrie Mervyn-Ingham ISD GSRP, Barb Monroe-Central RC, J. Munley-Child and Family Charities, Michelle Nicholson-Ingham ISD/GSC, Kristen Osterhouse-Central RC, Robin Pizzo-WKAR, Danielle Redman-GSRP, Jennifer Ries-PNC Bank, Erkia Smith-MDHHS, Stephanie Thelen-Ingham ISD, Jasmine Tucker-GSC Parent, Kathy Vogel-CMH, Jamie Yeomans-GSC Parent

Chair: Barb Monroe **Time Keeper:** Corrie Mervyn

- I. The 10/16/19 Meeting Agenda and the 09/18/19 Meeting Notes were approved as stated.

II. Inclusion Activity

Strengthening Families Protective Factor Concrete Support in Times of Need
“How have community-based agencies been there to support you as a parent, and how effective was their support?” Members discussed with elbow partners.

III. Family Coalition (FC) Update

The [Family Coalition](#) meeting held on October 20 was well attended. Discussion included the Six Benefits of Play, which comes from [The Genius of Play](#). FC meetings are held the second Thursday of the month. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 14, 2019, from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. at the [Family Growth Center](#). Call in advance for childcare/more information (517.899.4754 inghamgscparents@gmail.com).

IV. Preschool Development Grant (PDG-5) Listening Session

Office of Great Start recently received a federal Preschool Development Grant, and is working to develop a five-year strategic plan to strengthen the current early childhood system. Rather than work in Outcome groups, as is typical, members took part in a Listening Session to provide feedback that will help inform the development of this statewide strategic plan. Families, early childhood providers and community stakeholders had the opportunity to share their experiences and provide thoughts on how to best create an early

childhood system to support the whole child and family. After the Listening Session, the feedback was compiled into themes and shared with the developers of the strategic plan. The new strategic plan is tentatively scheduled to be completed by the end of December 2019.

V. GSC Updates

- **CADL** has [Raising Reader Backpacks \(RRB\)](#) available for checkout. Backpacks (intended for birth to age 5) include toys, music CDs, an early literacy tip sheet, etc. In addition, the [Library of Things \(LOT and LOT Jr\)](#) is also a great resource for adults and older children. All items are free to check out using a library card.
- **GSC Meetings** – A list of FY20 meeting dates follow. Notice a change to January and May, which will be held on the *fourth* Wednesday of the month.
 - November 20, 2019
 - December 18, 2019
 - January 22, 2020 (fourth Wednesday of the month)
 - February 19, 2020
 - March 18, 2020
 - April 15, 2020
 - May 27, 2020 (fourth Wednesday of the month)
 - June 17, 2020
 - July 15, 2020
 - August 19, 2020
 - September 16, 2020
- **Census 2020** – The GSC received answers to questions from the September Spotlight, and was shared with members via email.

VI. Future Meeting Dates

11/20/19 and 12/18/19, from 1:00-3:30 p.m. at Ingham ISD Early Childhood Services, [6520 Mercantile Way, Lansing](#).

VII. Adjournment

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