

# Ingham Great Start Collaborative Operations Committee Notes

11/04/21  
1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

**ATTENDEES:** Jessica Baker, Wendy Boyce, Lisa Chambers, Carrie Chance, Kae Dubai, Laurie Linscott, Corrie Mervyn, Rebecca Meszaros, Michelle Nicholson, Stephanie Thelen

- I. The 11/04/21 Meeting Agenda and 10/07/21 Meeting Notes were approved as stated.
- II. **Inclusion Activity** – *“Share a happy memory you have regarding Thanksgiving; or what do you look forward to most this thanksgiving?”*
  - Parents surprised us with a boxer puppy; the boxer surprised us by eating the turkey.
  - Food at Grandma’s table (x3).
  - Hopeful to be able to see everyone this year; and the first time cooking a turkey.
  - Memories of Black Friday years ago and waking up at 2:00 am to shop/stand in line.
  - A memory of numerous tables set up stretching all through the kitchen and living room so everyone could share a meal together.
  - Spending time with family.
- III. **Family Engagement, [Family Coalition \(FC\)](#)**
  - **Family Coalition meetings** – All are invited to attend via Zoom. The schedule follows:
    - 11/16/21 @ 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. or 5:00-6:00 p.m.
    - 11/18/21 @ 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.
      - *Topic:* School’s Back in Session How’s it Going? Helping your Child Succeed
    - 12/14/21 @ 10:30 – 11:30 or 5:00-6:00 p.m.
    - 12/16/21 @ 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.
      - *Topic:* Refuel Yourself, Self-Care, and Resilience
    - 01/18/22 @ 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. or 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.
    - 01/20/22 @ 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.
      - *Topic:* New Year, New You, Physical Health and Nutrition
  - **[Parent Vitality Cafés](#)** – Meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month via Zoom. Upcoming meetings are scheduled for 11/2/21 and 12/7/21 at 4:30 – 5:30. Discussion focus is on relationships and personalities and how to communicate with your child (i.e., the shy child, outgoing or extraverted child, the focused child, and the determined child). Most attendees are current LLG parents; and Jessica continues to connect with more parents to get them involved.
- IV. **Incorporating Diversity Equity and Inclusion (DEI) at GSC Meetings**
  - **DEI Planning Team** – Discussion continues regarding how to incorporate DEI into GSC meetings. DEI is included on the Current GSC Workplan and as specific Activities for Outcome 2. GSC members \*responded favorably via a survey to continue DEI work during GSC meetings. GSC members were also invited to participate in DEI planning. Michelle N. and Rebecca M. responded with their interest; some members are unsure of what this would look like. DEI *planning* could take place virtually or potentially before/during/after GSC meetings. Operations Committee members reviewed possible formats for incorporating DEI *activities*; and the consensus was to plan for activities at the beginning of the meeting (i.e., Inclusion Activity) for further discussion in Outcome groups; Spotlight and Outcome group work time may need to be adjusted.

There will be no DEI Activity for the November GSC meeting while planning discussion continues. In the meantime, Lisa is to extend an invitation to Dana Watson and Michelle is to extend an invitation to Robin Pizzo and Andrea Ryan to join the planning team.

\*10/13/21 GSC meeting Evaluation Poll: *"How do you feel about engaging in DEI conversation at GSC meetings?"*

- I'm excited and eager to engage in conversation around DEI – 62%
- I'm interested in engaging in DEI conversations at GSC meetings but uncertain about what will be expected - 31%
- I'm somewhat uncomfortable engaging in DEI conversations at GSC meetings and willing to learn more – 8%
- I'm uncomfortable in engaging in DEI conversations at GSC meetings - 0%

## V. Plan 11/10/21 GSC Meeting Agenda

- **Inclusion Activity** – Jessica will present.
- **Family Engagement** – Jessica to report family engagement after the Inclusion Activity.
- **November Spotlight** – Community Mental Health and Advancing Resiliency in Children (ARC) childcare expulsion prevention
- **Future Spotlights**
  - Support services for Afghan families (RDC, IRRC, St. Vincent?)
  - EFEL presentation on engaging diverse immigrant and refugee populations
  - Michigan Learning Channel
  - [MIKidsMatter](#) (website is still in the works)
  - Michigan's Children/Pritzker/Think Babies Michigan
  - CACS
  - Reminders about various partner services and resources provided to the community
- **Questions for Outcome Group Break Out Rooms**
  - How does the spotlight align with your Outcome group Activities?  
Whiteboard - A good tool to use and may allow for more responses.
  - What progress has been made on Activities since the October GSC meeting?
  - What are next steps to take on Activities by the December GSC meeting?
- **Updates**
  - **Literacy Hub Grant** – The goal of this three-county grant is to expand literacy workshops currently offered through the EFEL collaboration, to be sustainable over time for families and providers and connected to B-3<sup>rd</sup> grade literacy. Trusted advisor/messengers will support this process through delivery and instruction. Ingham ISD will work to purchase supplies and develop an implementation plan for workshops scheduled from January 2022 through December 2022. Ingham's focus is families with low socio-economic status and families who have eligible children in state/federal programs but not enrolled; Eaton's focus is the communities of Maple Valley and Potterville; Clinton's focus is WIC eligible families.
  - **Preschool Enrollment** – Working with current providers to add classrooms to existing spaces with ten (10) new classrooms anticipated. The teacher shortage creates a challenge; however, enrollment is increasing in existing classrooms with some sites using waitlists, while some newer classrooms are still hiring staff. The ISD Business Office is in discussion with one community-based organization about their financial status to determine if GSRP would be possible. A mobile enrollment station (equipped with chrome books, MiFi, and portable printer) has supported on-the-spot registration at Webberville and Okemos housing communities.
  - **CACS** – Reported enrollment is at 70%; some rooms are not yet open due to staffing, while open rooms are near full. Mason classrooms are a concern with lower-than-normal applications. A controlled shut down is planned for November 8 thru 29 to limit Covid spread. A wondering is if Lansing School District's universal pre-k is impacting enrollment?

- **Meeting Evaluation** – Poll, Word Cloud, Chat Bomb, Jam Board (Suggestion: What topic within DEI would you like to learn more and is of interest to you?)

## **VI. Operations Committee Updates**

- **December GSC Meeting** scheduled for 12/8/21
  - **Day/Time of GSC Meetings** suggested to keep as is.
- **GSC Co-Coordinator Position** - Wendy Boyce announced her retirement (effective February 1, 2022). The position was posted, and interviews are scheduled late November.
- **Covid Vaccines for ages 5-11** are taking place at the ICHD Immunization Clinic.
- **Ingham Health Plan & Medicaid Presentation** is forthcoming via Rebecca Meszaros.

## **VII. Review Next Meeting Dates and Times**

- GSC Meeting: 11/10/21 at 12:30 p.m.
- Operations Committee meeting: 12/8/21 at 1:00 p.m.

## **Adjourn**

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