

Great Start Collaborative Meeting Minutes

April 25, 2019 1:30 – 3pm

Kent ISD Transition Center

Attendees: Lisa Ellison, Mike Nassar, Judy Freeman, Jayme Vosovic, Alicia Guevara-Warren, Karen Lezan, Terese Smith, Wendy Wheeler, Ashley Karsten, Kate Lara, Maggie Lancaster, Candace Cowling, Kristyn Bomberg, Marian Anderson, Jennifer Cottingham, Kristin Gietzen, K'Sandara Earle, Timothy Hileman, Tana Martin, Mandi Rycenga, Kiara Baskin, Jackie Stetson, Jessica Bratt, Kara Bilkert, Rachel Binkowski, Chana Edmond-Verley, Kailey Cline, Bryana Hopkins, Claire Titcombe, Nkechy Ezeh, Alyce Hernandez, Julie Young, Jennifer Hekman, Linda Pickett, Latesha Lipscomb, Anthony Quinn, Tequia Adams, Fredericka Brown, Carol Paine-McGovern, Ben Brower, Frank Florido, Kathleen Neumann, Brittany Mastenbrook, Sarah Wilson, Heather Boswell, Joann Hoganson, Maureen Hale, Kristina Donaldson

Staff: Jessica Turk, Tomarra Richardson, Anthony Queen, Paula Brown, Leslie Hawkins

- **Agenda Item: Welcome and Introductions** **Maureen Hale**

- **Agenda Item: Approval of February 28, 2019 Minutes**

- **Agenda Item: Great Start Parent Coalition Report:** **Jessica Turk**
 - Parent Coalition: May's meeting will have a speaker coming from SNAP Ed to present on healthy eating for families. June's meeting will feature a literacy expert from GVSU sharing the implications of the third-grade reading laws and what parents should know. Three reading strategies will also be reviewed for parents to do with their children. At the last GSPC parents voted on different options for a family event. The group chose a river boat ride on the Grand River. The event will take place in June. Literacy stations will be set up on the boat with fun activities for families that reinforce the importance of reading. An Eventbrite will be set up for families to reserve their spot.
 - Diaper Drive: Members and their organizations are invited to participate in the annual GSC partner drive. Please contact Jessica to get your organization signed up for the drive.

- **Agenda Item: First Steps Update:** **Heather Boswell**

The Kent County Board of Commissioners approved the contract with FSK for the millage dollars today. Preconference is May 21st. Deadline to sign up is May 17th. To receive updates via email from First Steps go to their site to sign up: (<https://www.firststepskent.org/>). First round dollars will be focused around outreach and navigation services. Second round this fall will offer opportunities for other services. Thank you for all that helped recruit parents for the review board. 40 great applications were received. Parent Representatives will be announced the first week of May.

- **Agenda Item: Presentation - Kids Count Data Overview:** **Alicia Guevara-Warren**

- **Agenda Item: Small Group Reflections - Item passed due to time**

- **Agenda Item: GSC Business – Item passed due to time**
- **Agenda Item: Partner Announcements** – Due to time item was passed. Partners were invited to send any updates up to Leslie to send out with minutes.