Early Learning Hub of Linn, Benton & Lincoln Counties

Parent Engagement Committee Meeting Minutes

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| MEETING COMMENCED | 9:30am, January 29, 2019Linn-Benton Community College |
| Meeting called by | Shirley Blake |
| WORK GROUP members PRESENT | Julie Lovell, Kathy Fazer |
| staff members present | Jennifer Hartsock, Lynn Hall |
| VERSION | Final |
| RECORDED | No |

## **Agenda topics**

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| DISCUSSION ITEM | Parent Café Update |
| Selected Participants |
| * Shirley presents the selected participants for Linn, Benton, and Lincoln counties
	+ Family Tree Relief Nursery, Old Mill Center, Strengthening Rural Families, Samaritan House, Lincoln County School District
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| * The training was held at Old Mill Center on February 24, 2019. Attendees were engaged and excited.
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| * Each agency submits a Parent Café Event Report Form for each parent café session. This can include feedback on how to structure future cafés. Shirley can attend sessions in order to gain qualitative data.
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| Next Steps: How to better support project? |
| * Feedback is overall positive. However, the Spanish Parent Café vocabulary isn’t appropriate for some Spanish-speaking groups.
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| Next Steps: When to evaluate Board ask? |
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| Next Steps: |
| * Shirley agrees to meet with Kathy to discuss training PTAs to run parent café.
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| * Kathy volunteers to attend an Old Mill session; Lynn volunteers to attend a Samaritan House session; Julie volunteers to attend a Family Tree/Kidco session.
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| * Julie volunteers to act as the “word cloud” artist. Parents write one word to describe their session experience. These words would create a creative word cloud.
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| DISCUSSION ITEM | Parent Engagement 2019 Goals |
| Kathy asks for ideas to create a snapshot of the kindergarten experience in order to strengthen the connection between K-12, Pre-K, and parents. There is still need for social/emotional and executive functioning skill building. |
| More Engagement: Parent Survival Kit |
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| Parent Board Members |
| * Bates Hall representative
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| * Strengthening Rural Families
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| * Harrisburg School District
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| * Lincoln County / Lauren Sigman
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| * Rebecka Weinsteiger, the Community Engagement Manager at Willamette Neighborhood Housing Services
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| * Casa Latinos Unidos
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| Next Steps: |
| * Julie agrees to meet with Kathy regarding reaching parents on social/emotional and executive functioning in pre-k/k-12 transitions.
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| * Consider contacting Jerri Wolfe regarding social/emotional curriculum training.
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| * Shirley agrees to speak with Kristi about remote access.
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| * Consider reaching out to Kendra with Old Mill to invite Native American kiddos to the Jumpstart Program. Shirley will connect with Kathy regarding this.
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| DISCUSSION ITEM | Upcoming Events |
| Shirley shares three upcoming events: Ann Masten to address Linn-Benton families, Baby Blast 2019, Family Fun Day (10:00am-2:00pm) |
| * Consider offering parents a gas card to increase parent attendance for the PSN Speaking Event.
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| Shirley will post flyers for these events on basecamp once they become available. |
| Boost Oregon is a parent-led community that educates Oregonians about the safety and benefits of childhood vaccinations. |

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| NEXT MEETINg |  9:30am, February 26, 2019 |
| Bayview Building, Samaritan Pacific Communities Hospital |
| meeting adjourned |  10:30am |