Early Learning Hub of Linn, Benton & Lincoln Counties

Parent Engagement Committee Meeting Minutes

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| MEETING COMMENCED | 9:30am, January 29, 2019  Linn-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 | |
| * The training was held at Old Mill Center on February 24, 2019. Attendees were engaged and excited. | |
| * 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. | |
| 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. | |
| 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. | |
| * 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. | |
| * 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 | |
| * Strengthening Rural Families | |
| * Harrisburg School District | |
| * Lincoln County / Lauren Sigman | |
| * Rebecka Weinsteiger, the Community Engagement Manager at Willamette Neighborhood Housing Services | |
| * Casa Latinos Unidos | |
| Next Steps: | |
| * Julie agrees to meet with Kathy regarding reaching parents on social/emotional and executive functioning in pre-k/k-12 transitions. | |
| * Consider contacting Jerri Wolfe regarding social/emotional curriculum training. | |
| * Shirley agrees to speak with Kristi about remote access. | |
| * 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. | |
| 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 |