



GREAT START COLLABORATIVE MEETING MINUTES Thursday, May 7th, 2009

Present were Sharon Arend, Cathy Benda, Lynnette Borree, Gail Juntunen, Ruth Keller, Doreen Klingbeil, Jo Lorichon, Angela Lucas, Cheryl Mills, Marianne Saarivirta-Kolpak, Barb Rose, Heather Store, Louisa Wills, Dean Woodbeck and Emilie Krznarich.

- 1. Introductions were made.**
- 2. Angela moved to approve the minutes as read. Lynnette seconded the motion. Minutes were approved.**
- 3. Emilie shared the highlights of the Director's report. See attached.**
- 4. Heather shared the highlights of the Parent Liaison report. See attached.**
- 5. Old Business**
 - a. Emilie presented the results of the Wilder Collaborative Factors Inventory. Fourteen agencies/individuals responded. 30 inventories were sent out. Some of the agency members combined their responses into one inventory. There were, however, a few people who did not fill out an inventory and their scores will be tabulated and added to the group's responses. Score averages of 4 or higher indicate an area of strength, 3-3.9 indicates an area that should be discussed, and 2-2.9 indicates an area that needs improvement. We had no averages less than 3.1. Lynnette graciously offered to put the scores on a spreadsheet, which is attached. This information will be used in our strategic planning session and will help us to fulfill the Collaborative Governance element of our Infrastructure Review.**
 - b. Emilie has begun to compile the responses of the Community Conversations/Focus Groups. Comments have been insightful and constructive and will provide good information for the strategic review.**
 - c. Star Power has been planned for Thursday, May 21st. Registration will begin at 6:00p.m. at the Ramada Inn in Hancock. Participants will walk across the bridge to the Shutes and Ladders park. Ice cream will be provided in the Kestner Pavillion. There will be some fun activities for the kids and free trolley rides back to Hancock courtesy of Red Jacket Trolley. This is a terrific media opportunity, so please encourage families to attend. We also need volunteers to help with registration, escorting across the bridge and scooping out ice cream. Please e-mail Emilie if you**

are able to help. We were able to hold a local event for Star Power; thus, saving money and allowing more people to participate. Let's have a good showing!!

6. New Business

a. The Strategic Planning meeting will be held on June 11th, 8:30-4:00 at the ISD. Coffee and goodies will be provided from 8:30-9:00 and lunch will be included. It is critical that every member group is represented at this meeting. This will form the foundation for our future work.

b. The June TA meeting and Conference will be held from the 15-17th at Boyne Mountain. Cathy, Heather and Emilie will be attending. We have room for one additional parent and one additional Collaborative member. We can take as many as three vehicles down if necessary, as we are not going to Star Power in Lansing, and they have combined the spring and fall conference in order to save funds. Please let Emilie know ASAP if you are interested, as we need to have our hotel reservations in by the 16th of May.

9. Our next meeting will be the strategic planning meeting. We will also meet for the final time this fiscal year on July 23rd at noon at the ISD. This meeting will be focused on approval of our 09-10 plan.

10. The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.