

**Prevent Child Abuse Minnesota
Circle of Parents®
Parent Leadership Team
APPROVED AUGUST 9, 2008
July 12, 2008**

Attendees: Kathie Kinder-Goble, Brainerd; Mary Kay Hanson, Pequot Lakes

Staff: Roxy Foster

Introduction of new parents on call:

Two new parents are interested in joining the PLT: Wanda Becker from Rochester and Cara Greger-Angelo from Ortonville. They both will join us in August.

*Wanda's had a family emergency this morning; the team will send her a card.

Welcome and Check-In:

Parent leaders shared areas of concerns and provided support to each other.

OLD BUSINESS

June minutes were approved with some changes.

NEW BUSINESS

Added Bay Lake Camp to agenda

- **September Parent Power**– The June Parent Power did not get out until July. Priscilla suggests we stay on our schedule rather than try to get one out in August. The team agreed so will work on a September issue.

Articles will include: preparing to go back to school, changing summer time sleep times, setting up a homework areas, etc. The team also wants something to go in about how to get access to community resources and support. Example: Crow Wing County has a resource book that cost \$50.00 and has resources to everything in the County. It was discussed that families do not go to the County for prevention type services but look at the County for deep end services.

We realized whatever we put in Parent Power needs to have a statewide focus. That led us to asking the question, "Does every County have a publication like Crow Wing County?" It was decided that this article would be general, and we would direct parents to their public libraries. Roxy will contact Mike from CTF to see if the Child Abuse Prevention Council would be a place to get this information. If he does not know, how can we find out?

- **Bay Lake Camp** – This is family camp put on each year by Brainerd, Circle of Parents®. It will happen this year from August 23-24th. Families outside the Brainerd area are invited to participate. Kathie will send information to Mary Kay and Roxy.

It was decided that future agendas be set up to meet the deliverables of the team. These are to advise PCAMN on the areas of planning, implementation and evaluation of the Circle of Parents® program. The team will try these standing areas to see if it works.

Past minutes will be used for evaluation of our work. Keep in mind they are posted on our website as public information for all to see at www.pcamn.org.

PLANNING

- **New site selection for parent leadership training** – Roxy explained to the team that she has been working with the Latino community. We have several Spanish speakers trained to do the Parents as Civic Leaders training in Spanish. The next demographic area will be with a Spanish speaking Circle of Parents® group. That will likely be in Southern Minnesota. Barb Sorum, the coordinator for that area, will be the point person in making the links, much like Joan Johnson was in the Northern region.
- **Advance training** – Trina and Roxy will start this process in Sept-Oct. 08. The PLT members are encouraged to reflect their experience in the facilitator training to define where more detailed training is needed to build parent group leaders. Mary Kay will be attending the training in Akin on Aug. 12-13. Roxy will attend the training in the metro on Aug. 2.

IMPLEMENTATION

- **Duluth Parents as Civic Leaders Training** – Kathie is contacting participants who attended in April. She is confirming their attendance for July 26th and encouraging them to complete their life statement to bring with them.
- **Marketing Plan** – Roxy informed the members that we are creating a three-year marketing plan to promote parent leadership trainings in the Latino community. The plan will include a tiered process for developing an apprenticeship program for parents to become trainers for PCAMN. The outcome will be to develop an earned income strategy for PCAMN that will fund the apprenticeship program and support staff to implement continued trainings. Roxy will send PLT members the draft plan when it is ready for review.

EVALUATION

- PLT written goal is to have a 10-member team by November 2008. We are just starting to recruit and are building the process as we go. Mary Kay was asked if inviting her to a call without asking her to make a commitment to join was a good way to engage her. She stated it was a non-threatening way to check it out and said we should continue that process.

The team thinks it will be realistic to have three more members by Oct. 2008. This is what we will strive for, keeping in mind some parents may decided they will not want to participate after their first call.

Trina is asking the coordinators to provide us with a list of facilitators and parent group leader in their regions. The southern regional coordinator did this and that is how we found Wanda.

Kathie asked about the Parent Leadership Team Manual. This is in draft form, and if we plan a Nov. 08 orientation meeting this will need to be completed by then.

Next call will be Saturday August 9th 9am-11am.

NOTE: Calls will be at this time from now on. Roxy will change the times on the 2008 schedule.

NEXT STEPS:

- Roxy**
- 1. Get PLT contact list out to all members**
 - 2. Send marketing plan draft to members**
 - 3. Start on Parent Power; follow-up with CTF**
 - 4. Prep with Kathie for Duluth training**
 - 5. Send Wanda a card**

- Kathie**
- 1. Send Roxy and Mary Kay Bay Lake information**
 - 2. Continue to call Duluth participants**
 - 3. Follow-up with Jan in Little Falls**

- Mary Kay**
- 1. Fill out application and send to Roxy**
 - 2. Hugs Hugs Hugs**

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 am

Respectfully Submitted,

Roxy Foster