

Parent Leadership Team

June 9, 2007
10 am - 12 pm

Minutes

1. *Welcome and introductions*
2. *What is happening in your community?*
 - a. **What are the success**

Cathy Nesvold son's infectious disease test all came back negative from helping the man he found shot.

Gina Little will join us on our July conference call.

Ellen Niska is now a member of the Minnesota Parent Leadership Network (MNPLN) for parents with children with mental health issues. She attended their training in Brainerd on Parent Leadership and now is working with them to create a Circle of Parents group in the St Cloud Area for parents with children with mental health issues.

Kathie family camp is moving forward Brainerd was able to get enough funding to make it happen, the price will be \$20/person.

- b. **What are the difficulties**

Kathie Kinder-Goble's husband had a heart attack while on the road. She is working extra to hold things together until he is back to work.

- c. **Where do you need support**

There is still a need to assist child care providers with multi-age activities, especially for teens with mental health issues. Kathie from Brainerd will contact the adult facilitator to see if they will share activities with Crookston. Ellen will check with MNPLN for resources on teen activities.

3. Approval of 5-12-07 Minutes

One change in the minutes was to strike from the strategic plan the line ~~Participate with PCA America in research and Paths to Excellence efforts.~~ PCAMN will continue to work on evaluation, the reason this line is stricken is that Minnesota was not selected by PCA for the Path to Excellence effort. Cathy Nesvold motioned to approve minutes as changed, Kathie Kinder- Goble seconded, motion passed.

4. Review and approval of documents
 - ❖ Parent Leadership Team Operating Guidelines
The team reviewed page one of the guidelines, the remaining pages will be reviewed on the July call.
 - ❖ Parent Leadership Team-Sub committee of the board, Kathie Kinder-Goble motioned to accept, Ellen Niska seconded, motion passed.
 - ❖ Parent Leadership Team-Description, Kathie Kinder- Goble motioned to accept, Ellen Niska seconded, motion passed.

5. Parent Power Newsletter
Cathy Nesvold submitted an article on the Good Samaritan law, Roxy submitted an article on bullying in the schools. The team will need to work on the format of the Parent Power newsletter when we meet.

6. Proposed project-Parent Trust Fund
Roxy introduced a project to create a Parent Trust Fund, to create funding for communities to do parent leadership trainings. The team would like to proceed with the project. There will need to be a plan in place with steps to:
 - 1) build a coalition to support the idea
 - 2) deliver the idea to funders for seed money
 - 3) find legislators to author a bill
 - 4) advocate and testify to passage of the bill

This will be a topic for our fall retreat.

7. Making Room at the Table-train the trainer will be on Wednesday June 27 at Salem Lutheran Church 90 Riverside Drive SE in St. Cloud from 10-4pm. All staff and parent leaders are invited to participate. Parents will get travel reimbursement for travel.

8. Other-PLT would like to have a presence on the **PCAMN website**, possible a message board or blog .

Walk-A-Thon the PLT could create a team to walk. Each Circle group could do a local walk and keep 50% of the monies raised.

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Action Steps:

❖ **Roxy will:**

1. Talk to Pris about website
2. Send Ellen Parent Trust Fund article
3. Send everyone information about Phases of Development for Circle of Parent Groups, Making Room at the Table Training June 27th in St. Cloud and the Walk.

❖ **Ellen will:**

1. Talk to MNPLN regarding activities for older children

❖ **Kathie Kinder-Goble will:**

1. Talk to adult facilitator in Brainerd for lesson plans/activities for older children in child care. She will share that with Cathy Nesvold and Roxy when she gets it.
2. She will also send Cathy Nesvold information about Family Camp so Cathy can share with her group before the advisory committee meets

❖ **Cathy Nesvold will:**

1. Share information with the PLT on Our Children Succeed Initiative in Crookston in the schools to end bullying.

**Next Parent Leadership Team conference call
will be Saturday July 14th from
10am-12pm**

Respectfully Submitted,

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Circle of Parents