

Parent Leadership Team Minutes

July 14, 2007

Conference call in #: 1-877-903-2255
Conference ID#: 2652765

Attendees: Ellen Niska and Cathy Nesvold
Staff: Roxy Foster

Check in:

Cathy – Crookston group is taking a break for July. Head Start site is doing cleaning of all rooms making it difficult to do children's program.

In August they will do a National Night out event and in October they are planning a Turn off the Violence event.

Ellen – Doing OK – would like me to send her the Parent Power Newsletter, she did not receive it.

Parent Power – next issue should focus on back-to-school if they will get it before Sept., some ideas are:

- * Where to get school supplies-local community action programs 1-800....., local churches, Salvation Army etc.
- * Start children getting use to regular bed times
- * Stop naps in the middle of the day if they take them
- * Know when schools starts, dates, times different for each age group
- * Know the bus schedule and stop locations
- * Take the first day off work if you can to help children with transition
- * Visit your child's open house or teacher before schools start to get all the information you need to prepare your child
- * Eliminate stress send kids to school from a peaceful home

Approval of Minutes

Cathy motioned to approve, Ellen second, motion passed.

Fall Parent Leadership Retreat

Roxy suggested we use this time to launch the coalition to develop legislation for the Parents Trust Fund. Cathy and Ellen agreed. We will invite legislators and coalition members to the retreat. Two dates will be offered August 11 or August 18, both are Saturdays. It will be held in St. Cloud, children's program will be developed with a partnering organization, we will check with YMCA or Dick Anderson from the Holiday Inn.

Roxy will call Senator Tarryl Clark from the Saint Cloud Area and other family friendly legislators to help us- the date will depend on their schedules.

We will also invite Connie Skillingstad to the meeting.

Coalition members were brainstormed – *already indicate interest

Mary Cecconi	Parents United for Public Education *
Gayle Kelly	Minnesota Head Start Association
Jim Meffert- Nelson	Minnesota Children's Platform Coalition *
Carolyn Strand	Minnesota Parent Leadership Network
	Congregations Concerned for Children
	Minnesota PTA
Tom 320-252-7616	Saint Cloud Boys & Girls Club
	Regional CAPC's
	PACER
Deb Landvig	Minnesota Department of Education Title-I *
	Children's Social Services
Kate Towle	Parent Matters- Mpls. *
Jacquie Thomas	Saint Paul NEAT-Circle of Parents

Walk For Children

PCAMN would like to start a grassroots campaign to get local communities who can not travel to Saint Paul to do their own Walk For Children in their communities. Each community will get 50% of their proceeds for their local groups.

Ellen asked if her proceeds could go to support the Parent Leadership Team budget. Roxy thought that was a great idea. The PLT could create their own team.

Roxy let them know about the process on the website, Cathy and Ellen both suggested they would like to have some pledge cards and envelopes to collect money.

Cathy would like to know if they could do their walk in October this year to combine efforts with their Turn off the Violence event, this is being put on by the CAPC. Next year they would coordinate the same day as the walk.

The PLT wanted to know about t-shirts, poster, pledge cards ect. Roxy told them about the possibilities of pin wheels- they liked that idea.

Ellen and her children will attend the Saint Paul walk this is an annual event for her family.

PLT Operating Guidelines

We reviewed the changes that were made on June 9th and went on to review and change the rest of the document.

Article III. Leadership

Section 1. Co-Chairs

Section 1.1 Duties of the 2nd year Co-chair

Added-Serves on PCAMN board of directors

Section 1.2 Duties of the 1st year Co-chair

Added-Serves on PCAMN board of directors

A few typographical errors were corrected.

Ellen motioned to pass corrections, and accept the operating guide lines for the Prevent Child Abuse Minnesota, Circle of Parents® Parent Leadership Team Operating Guidelines.

Cathy seconded-motion passed.

Roxy up-dated the team on new hires for PCAMN, starting July 16th Alice Lynch will come on as our metro coordinator- she will networked in the West metro especially in North Mpls.

Monica Carbajal will also start that day, she will work with Roxy as a part-time Latino Community Coach, and she will focus her efforts in Ramsey and Dakota counties and some statewide work. The other part of Monica's life is spent work with families on the West side of St. Paul. She is also in a year long internship with the Organizing Apprentice Program, working on racial justice issues.

David Gonzalez will join us in August as our new volunteer coordinator.

As we shape these new positions your input will be very important.

PCAMN website:

PLT now has a presence on the PCAMN website. The teams' link can be found in the Circle of Parents section and on the services and resources under the Parent as Civic Leaders link.

Parents as Civic Leaders is where all of the information from the Council for Civic Parent Leadership has been moved, please take time to visit and let me know what you think. PLEASE KNOW THIS IS A WORK IN PROCESS!

PLT information includes the current application for membership and job description, schedule of meeting dates for 2007, minutes from March of 2007 to current. If there are others things you would like posted please let me know.

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Action Steps:

✳ **Roxy will:**

- 1) Send Ellen Parent Power Newsletter
- 2) Call Brainerd to have them send camp information to Cathy Nesvold
- 3) Let the team know when we are doing trainings in their areas
- 4) Ask Rolanda about October walk for Crookston
- 5) Work on Parent Trust Fund Coalition and August retreat
- 6) Develop board packets for next board meeting from PLT

✳ **Cathy will:**

- 1) Will share the Parent Trust Fund Coalition with her Local Advisory Committee.
- 2) Will talk to her Circle Advisory Council and local CAPC about the Walk.

✳ **Ellen will:**

- 1) Will work with Roxy and Kathie Kinder-Goble on the August agenda and logistics.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roxy Foster
Coordinator of Civic Parent Leadership – PCAMN