

August 20, 2014
Early Learning Partnership of York County
Board Meeting Minutes
Clover Resource Center

Members present: Cheri Barton, Ouida Dest, Sylvia Echols, Tom Faulkenberry, Sue Gover, Ellen Green, Susie B. Hinton, Gene Martin, Susan Miskelly, Karen Otteni, Miguel Rullan, Marie Spearman, Jim Vining, Jane Culp, Cindy Hunt, Nina Feemster, Teresa Creech and Shannon League

Ouida opened the meeting at 8:36 am. Ouida introduced new member, Karen Otteni. We went around the room and introduced each other and named our favorite book and book memory.

Clover Resource Center Report: Nina Feemster- Count Down to K- 40 kids with a celebration downtown RH. Clover has lost two family educators. Nina has hired one and is interviewing for bilingual educator.

First Steps Report: David Lisk- Not here. First Steps was reauthorized First Steps. Governor Haley's veto was shut down. There were some changes and a new bill was written. ICS helped with that bill.

1. First Steps Reauthorization
 - a. After passage by the House and Senate the Governor vetoed in mid-June.
 - b. The veto was overwhelmingly overturned by the House and Senate.
 - c. Efforts are underway to continue the progress that has been achieved and leverage the current popularity of early interventions and new funding from State and Federal sources.
2. Countdown to Kindergarten
 - a. CTK Celebration was in downtown Rock Hill on Thursday August 7. Attendance was estimated to be twice the number from last year at 1000-1200 people.
 - b. YCFS provided a meal, school supplies and a new book for 200-250 children and families prior to the downtown event with the Children's Museum.
 - c. Local grants and support from Sisters of Mercy, the United Way of York County, and the York, Clover, Rock Hill and Fort Mill School Districts enabled us to serve over 160 at risk rising kindergarten children and their families. This was the second largest in the State and the largest privately funded.
3. Early Head Start Child Care Partnerships and 4K Expansion
 - a. Working on a Federal Grant for providing EHS services to York County partnering with child care providers. There has been over \$8 million allocated to SC and we are trying to secure a significant portion for our 12 County partnership.
 - b. The Legislature expanded 4K funding that included York SD #1. We are working with Child Care Centers to become qualified and then assisting in identifying qualifying children.

Financial Report- added some additional reports to the financial report. Trying to be a little more specific with breakdowns.

Total Assets, Liabilities and Capital	\$141,376.39
Total YTD Revenue	\$ 76,207.34
Total YTD Expenses	\$ 56,110.02
Net Income	\$ 20,097.32

Executive Director's Report: Teresa Creech- reminded members to grab name plate and agenda before you come into the meeting. She also talked about the thank you basket. Explained the Conflict of

Interest form and passed the form around for everyone to sign. Teresa showed a Little Free Library pamphlet. ELP was awarded \$3,000 to do a total of 4 libraries. Rock Hill Reads will be our partner and RH Rotary. First one will go in Cedar Crest Park's Tot Lot. Grand Opening may be in September. If members have any ideas of locations, let Teresa know.

CC- Everything is transitioning well. Anita is getting the Federal grant done by the end of the month. CC is hiring a doctor. ELP's Medical Clinics will run the same this school year. All of the Superintendents wrote a letter of support. Teresa talked about meeting with York County Free Medical Clinic. It serves adults. They see acute illness. They are going to let us send our parents with acute illnesses. Teresa thanked the coordinators.

Big Fundraiser- Krispy Kreme Challenge Race- Feb. 28, 2015. Kim Keel at Winthrop has been talking with Teresa.. She met with Winthrop and trying to get a route and hired a race company to run the race. We'll have to get volunteers. She asked members to forward names of anyone that would be willing to be on an advisory board.

Challenge Race- run 2 miles, eat dozen donuts, run 2 miles.

4 mile Run- 2 miles, turn around, run 2 miles

Fun Run- families with children

This race will not be timed. Start thinking about sponsorships.

Springs Close Foundation- Teresa was invited to lunch. ELP will be getting a Close Scholar and that student will be assigned to us in the next couple of weeks.

Next month- Teresa will not be at the Board meeting.

- RH Rotary Club: Little Free Libraries "3 Year Signature Charity" awarded to ELP!
- Community Cause from Allstate Insurance-ELP will be previewed in the Allstate magazine for Sept and October. Donation/PR opportunities.
- \$1,000 from River Hills Lions Club for General Operating expenses.
- Good Folks did not choose ELP for their December Luncheon grant.
- ELP did not receive the Target \$2000 grant for ROAR.
- Bookkeeper, Mary Faile, will be leaving at the end of August for a full-time. Kim Brock will be taking over her position. Kim is currently the bookkeeper for Camp Canaan.
- Jodie Harris, a former ELP Board Member and our Medical Manager, has resigned her position as the Med Clinic transitions to Catawba Care.
- ELP was chosen by the Upscale WeeSale for Charity proceeds in the \$1700 range.
- Grant applied for: John & Polly Sparks Fdn, \$35,000 for Med Clinic. Will hear in November.
- Evaluations completed: Sister of Mercy Fdn, Target, SCFCA-BCBS

Literacy Report: Shannon League

Born to Read- Piedmont ordered new BTR bags, with new logos. I will bring one to show off. Yearly BTR/Darkness to Light training will be held on Thursday, August 21st at the Clover Resource Center.

Reach Out and Read- Scholastic sent each of the sites a shipment of books this summer.

In May, the UMC had a Million Book Effort. ELP ordered 1,700 books for ROR and the UMC paid for these books. (\$1,146.00)We are storing extra books in a storage closet at the Rock Hill Resource Center. I am working on ROR reports, due by September 1st.

DPIL- We still have a waiting list, but have had more people donate \$30.00 for their children to go through.

Sylvia passed around the SC's Early Childhood Common Agenda pamphlet. Now they are doing a common assessment for 4 and 5 year olds. Sylvia talked about the great work for the institute and how much fundraising are growing. Only 2 years old and have gone from \$200,000 to over 1 million budget.

Next Meeting- September 17, 2014 at Fort Mill School District Office.