

December 16, 2015
The Early Learning Partnership of York County
LEAP at Riverview Elementary School, Fort Mill

Members present: Cheri Barton, Sherri Ciurlik, Ouida Dest, Sylvia Echols, Sue Gover, Ellen Green, Julie Neeley, Karen Otteni, Jody Rankin, Chip Smith, Jim Vining, Teresa Creech and Shannon League

Ouida started the meeting at 8:35 am.

Financial Report-

Total Assets, Liabilities and Capital	\$ 93,672.05
Total YTD Revenue	\$ 42,378.01
Total YTD Expenses	\$ 63,410.49
Net Income	\$ (21,032.48)

First Steps Report- David Lisk

1. Nurse Family Partnership
 - a. Received positive results from grant requests from Sisters of Mercy NC Foundation, \$75,000 and Springs Close Foundation, \$37,500 in support of NFP in our Greater York Region.
 - b. This will allow us to transition to a full time Nurse Supervisor quicker than originally planned.
 - c. Startup material and hiring requirements should be received within the week.
2. Parenting Workshop Conference
 - a. We held an initial Parenting Workshop Conference with very positive results. We hosted about 20 representatives from various organizations in the county.
 - b. We are finalizing our notes and input to provide an inventory list of all Parenting Workshops and Trainings that we noted during our session.
 - c. As part of our effort we plan to conduct this review quarterly at this point to include additional organizations as we work to increase the availability of quality parenting trainings in the community.
3. Early HeadStart Partnerships with Child Care Centers
 - a. There are two centers being reviewed for acceptance as EHS centers in York County at this time.
 - b. Initial visits and discussions are underway to set up new sites in the coming months.

Parenting Partnerships Report- Jane Culp

The LEAP staff has been very busy this year settling into our new home at the new Riverview Elementary School, 1300 Spratt St., Fort Mill.

We also helped establish and kick off a new four year old program at Fort Mill Elementary School, and we are now able to serve 80 children in our half day preschool. These children attended our screening in the spring and were identified as the students with the most at risk factors. Our LEAP staff works with the 4K teachers and the 4K parents to provide a positive first year of public school for the child and their parents.

In addition to our home visits, we offer monthly Preschool Family Nights, with activities for parents and children to do together, at both our Riverview and Fort Mill Elementary sites and all sessions have been well attended.

LEAP sponsored a five week book club called Book Buddies for parents and their four and five year old children. Each week the parent and child were given a new book and introduced to literacy concepts through the story.

LEAP is helping with a Parent Leadership Team at Riverview Elementary using the *Parenting Partners, Practical Tools for Positive Parenting* curriculum. This team is made up of parents of elementary school age children; and after completing the course, these parents will lead future parenting teams.

Jane Culp attended a workshop on November 13 sponsored by First Steps which explored Parent Workshops. A variety of agencies were represented and shared what they offered. Participants found the workshop very informative.

Jane Culp attended a meeting of English As Second Language Learners with David Lisk at First Baptist Church Fort Mill to describe services available to parents and answer questions parents had about school and community opportunities for their children.

Teresa talked about the donor software ELP is purchasing.

Showed a KK Race yard sign to the Board. Teresa talked about KK Race and media.

Executive Director's Report- Teresa Creech

- Partnership with York School District grant for 4K - DPIL in the home.
- Donated Holiday books to RH School District 4K class.
- Donated Books to Little Free Library Stewards from a stockpile of older children's books.
- Family Trust Credit Union-\$5125 donated from the Giving Tree campaign.
- Givolio App available for iphones. ELP is on there for a quick way to donate to our cause. Go to the App Store to download-FREE.
- Anita and I will also be Presenters at the SC Association of NonProfit Organizations Conference in March on the topic of CollaborACTION. A win-win for the Medical Clinics.
- #Rock Hill Gives and #Giving Tuesday campaign. ELP received donations of nearly \$1000 through our website.
- Mental Health Collaboration- Building a System of Care meeting on November 18th.
- Little Free Library was dedicated at the York Family Resource Center on December 8th at 10:30am.. Provided by the employees of Family Trust Credit Union.
- Good Folks Luncheon held on December 9th to benefit Affinity Health Center. Great Article in The Herald. ELP was mentioned often. <http://www.heraldonline.com/news/local/article48829910.html>
- ELP has contracted with Bloomerang to purchase a Donor Management system for the amount of \$3004. This will help us construct fundraising letters, eliminate the many Excel lists of donors and reach out with ELP News with a electronic newsletter format.

Grants/Evaluations:

- Did not receive the John & Polly Sparks grant. Our Contact there is no longer on their Board.
- Did not receive the Duke Energy grant. Applied for small money. Too many applications at this time.
- Anita Case notified me that our joint application was not chosen for the Robert Woods Johnson Foundation Award regarding our collaboration regarding the Medical Clinic.
- Submitted United Way Grant Phase I application. Phase II will be due on February 26th.
- United Way mid year evaluation report will be due on Jan 15th.
- JWL grant application due January 10th.

KKRace-Run4Reading:

- See attached poster for the Race.
- Spoke with KK Corporate contact- Callie Brinker. She is trying to schedule the Krispy Kreme Cruiser bus to come to Winthrop's campus in to help promote the race. <http://www.krispykremecruiser.com/> Take a look at this Vintage 1960 bus. Also, she will give us "Win Doughnuts for a Year" to be used as a Prize and additional advertising, etc.
- Working on advertising Banners for downtown RH.
- Working on TV Commercial with Comporium.
- The Four school districts have received details of the Race and have agreed to advertise and encourage teams as a Competition.
- Sponsors, Corporate Partners: Add Resolute, Bernie Ackerman, Morton&Gettys. In discussion with TD Bank. Synergy Yoga will do some type of support.

-Yard/Window Sign Sponsorships (\$100), Perfect for Individuals & Small Businesses to purchase. Each Board Member is to sell signs. Endowment Money! These will go out the 2nd week in February.

-List of Events:

Challenge Run: 4 miles, 12 doughnuts, 1 hour

Casual Run: 4miles and 12doughnuts to share

Book Relay: 4 runners, 1 mile each and a doughnut at the Finish *Marketed to the School Districts, Church Groups, Businesses, Book Clubs, etc. Costumes Encouraged!!!

Strategic Planning:

-Charles Weathers sent a draft of the Plan for the Exec Board to review at our called January 6th meeting. At the January 13th Exec meeting, we will have a Conference call with Charles for any changes. He will make any revisions. Charles will attend the ELP January 27th Board meeting to discuss and finalyze with the Board. **Note:**

Board meeting date changed to the 27th to accommodate schedules.

Shannon and I will be out of the office beginning on Monday, December 21st as Winthrop closes for the Holidays. Feel free to me if you have any questions (803-984-6180).

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Upcoming Events:

January Board Meeting- *January 28th at 8:30 am- ParentSmart, Rock Hill

*Note the meeting date change

Krispy Kreme Race-Run 4 Reading- Saturday, February 27th at 8:30 am