

Tuesday, March 13, 2012
Early Learning Partnership
Board Meeting Minutes

Members present: Julie Case, Sylvia Echols, Tom Faulkenberry, John Gettys, Sue Gover, Ellen Green, Suzanne Harnois, Susan Lee, David Lisk, Julie Neeley, Susan Martoccia, Jane Turpin, Jim Vining

Staff: Ellen Crouch, Teresa Creech, Shannon League, Donna Wooldridge

Guest: David Noble

John Gettys -Nominating Committee needs to get together and come up with names for potential board members. He will be in touch with the committee.

Ellen Crouch gave numbers for the Fort Mill Family Resource Center. 608 people came to the center and 110 classes were attended. They are involved with a Book Buddy's Program. Parents receive a book and their child reads to them. It focuses on the importance of reading. The center had a Pajama Party that was well attended. They had 53 parents and children. 366 children came to the care center last month and 17 were new to the center.

David Noble came to go over the annual audit report. Cash levels have gone up. They have gone from \$107,697 to \$132,288. (Up from 71% to 82%) Please see audit sheet.

David Lisk reported on First Steps. They are going to develop a new website. They have the Paradise Reading Center, which works with about 30-40 children. They want to start implementing parents into this literacy program. They will be having a celebration party in May and want ELP to have a table set up with information on it. "Count Down to Kindergarten" will be held in August. They are trying to get Roger Day, a children's author, to be guest speaker. They are also trying to get other organizations to attend and want ELP to participate.

Treasurer Report- Suzanne Harnois went over finance report and income statement. On the handout, it should just have the year-to-date. Note: the total budget. The column is not correct. Suzanne is going to check with LeighAnn about this.

Total Assets, Liabilities and Capital	\$ 99,565.47
Total YTD Revenue	242,527.40
Total YTD Expenses	<u>307,088.94</u>
Net Income	\$(64,561.54)

Julie Case gave the Community Awareness Report. Fort Mill community breakfast will be held on Tuesday, March 20th from 8:30 am to 9:30 am at the Fort Mill Family Resource Center. We are going to make follow-up calls to get RSVP's from the people we have not heard from. The Clover breakfast will be held on May, 8th and the ELP Board meeting will be held on May, 15th.

Bowl-a-Thon Report- Julie reminded the board to get 2 lane sponsors and 2 silent auction items. The parent coordinators are sharing information to the principals. Julie will email schools to start getting the competition within the schools going to get the spirit award. Still trying to get “celebrity” bowlers. Julie has a list of well known community people she is going to call to try and get them to bowl. She is also going to mention the Bowl-a-thon at the community breakfast. We are hoping that Clover is going to do a video for the bowl-a-thon. They have done a video about Clover schools and we are hoping they will do one for us.

Medical Clinics/Resource Centers- Teresa went over medical clinic numbers. The total for February was 169. Year to date is 1,264. Last year’s total was 1,451. Lori, the nurse practitioner, is really making a huge impact.

Medical Clinics

Clover- 39

Fort Mill- 48

Rock Hill- 40

York- 42

Resource Centers

Fort Mill- 608

York- 143

Rock Hill- 1,224 on site, 789 Family connections

Clover- didn’t report

Teresa went with Anne Suite to the Fort Mill Rotary meeting. ELP received a donation of \$5,000 from the Fort Mill Rotary from a grant written by Donna. The Rotary is planning to have a picnic for LEAP Ahead.

Donna Wooldridge spoke about the Grant and Funding Chart that was handed out. She wrote a proposal for the United Way. There will be a tour of the Rock Hill Resource Center on March 27th. She mentioned receiving a check for \$5,000 from the Fort Mill Rotary. She is working on a York Electric grant, which is due in May. She is asking for \$10,000 for DPIL.

ELP appeared in the monthly Parenting Magazine on page 18. Each board member received a copy of the Parenting Magazine.

Jim Vining told members of a board retreat on Saturday, April 21st, to go over strategic planning and talk about what direction ELP should go in. Jim quoted Scott Huffman from a presentation he went to. “In the last 12 months, were you worried you were going to run out of food?” 28% of families answered yes to that question. Jim also thanked Susan Lee for her service on the board. She will be leaving the board and moving to Columbia.

Next ELP Board Meeting- April 10, 2012 at the Rock Hill Family Resource Center.