

Tuesday, September 11, 2012  
Early Learning Partnership  
Board Meeting Minutes

Members present: Cheri Barton, Jill Burleson, Mrs. Hank Crotwell, Sylvia Echols, Dr. Chuck Epps, Tom Faulkenberry, Dr. Kimberly Faust, John Gettys, Sue Gover, Suzanne Harnois, David Lisk, Kimberly McIntire, Julie Neeley, Susan Martoccia, Kimberly McIntire, Jody Rankin, Jane Turpin, Tracy Vann, Jim Vining  
Staff: Ellen Crouch, Peggy Medlin, Teresa Creech, Shannon League

John Gettys called the meeting to order at 8:00 am. He welcomed everyone and introduced the new Board members.

Sylvia Echols started off by going around the table and getting everyone to say who they would want to meet (dead or alive) and why. She then went over Board responsibilities. Everyone signed the Board responsibilities form. Chelsea Beauchamp was going to be joining the ELP Board, but now will not be accepting the invitation. She has personal issues that are not allowing her to join the Board right now. All Board members signed the Board list for the 2012-13 ELP by-laws.

Ellen Crouch went over Fort Mill Resource numbers. There are 46 new families. The Medical Clinic is open in Fort Mill on Wednesday of every week. She spoke about some programs that LEAP does, which include a clothing closet, 4-year-old activities in literacy, and Pack the Weekend program. Fort Mill sends teachers, who volunteer, to Piedmont for BTR once a week.

First Steps- David Lisk reported that teenage parent's vouchers are in full swing. They are expanding to Fort Mill. They have about 20 students at the moment. This year is a reauthorization year for First Steps legislative process. York County is helping 46 counties throughout SC to work together. Baby Net has moved to Clover and a lot of people from Western York County have looked into the program. They are looking for office space in all of the District Resource Centers.

Suzanne Harnois went over the financial statements. ELP has hired a new bookkeeper, Mary Faile. Suzanne, Teresa and Shannon will be meeting with Mary today.

Total Assets, Liabilities and Capital	\$ 34,183.03
Total YTD Revenue	26,568.50
Total YTD Expenses	77,512.85
Net Income	\$( 50,944.35)

Teresa Creech thanked all of the Board members for support. Medical Clinic numbers- Total 108 She took Phillip Land on a tour of the Rock Hill Resource Center and talked about all of the Resource Centers in the district. We are mailing out a community support letter to all of the

DPIL participants, in hopes of donations. The letter states that no books will be sent in October. This will allow ELP to catch up on past debts owed to DPIL.

DPIL serves 3,400+ children (Rock Hill- 48%, Fort Mill- 28%, Clover- 11% and York- 13%)

Teresa turned in two grants this week- River Hills Lions Club and Free Medical Clinic Association. The Grapevine event at Baxter raised \$2,522. Kimberly McIntire is looking into having another fundraiser there in the spring and ELP would provide the servers. We have received funds from Coca-Cola (\$15,000) and United Way (\$1,750). Teresa is working on grants for Fort Mill Rotary and Spring Close Foundation, along with three others.

John Gettys reported that a few people from ELP would be meeting with each School Superintendent to ask for financial support for DPIL. ELP will be having a fundraiser dinner to honor Sylvia Echols on December 6<sup>th</sup> at Winthrop. We are trying to have more than 200 people there. We are trying to get sponsors for the evening and we are thinking the costs will be around \$7,000. John presented a certificate of service to Jim Vining, for his position as president of the ELP Board.

Next Meeting will be on Tuesday, October 9, 2012 at the Rock Hill Resource Center.