

September 17, 2014
Early Learning Partnership of York County
Board Meeting Minutes
Tega Cay Elementary School

Members present: Ouida Dest, Sue Gover, Ellen Green, Jamillah Hasan-Jones, Heather Honeycutt, David Lisk, Gene Martin, Kimberly McIntire, Julie Neeley, Karen Otteni, Vernon Prosser, Jody Rankin, Jane Culp, Ann Bogan and Shannon League

Ouida opened the meeting at 8:35 am.

Introduced Jamillah Hasan-Jones, a new Board member. Everyone went around and introduced themselves and told what elementary school they went to.

Resource Report-(Hoping to get into Riverview Elementary for the LEAP program next year. Enrolled 63 families with 2 employees. Medical Clinic has been busy on Wednesdays. It is located in the Nesbitt Building. Also have Keystone, Adult Ed and Clothes Closet housed there. Joining with Headstart.

First Step- David went over his report. Dr. Prosser talked about the 8 programs that started in York this August. It was a tedious task to open these programs, but they are well on their way. (See report below)

1. Early Head Start Child Care Partnerships and 4K Expansion
 - a. Helped submit a Federal Grant for providing EHS services in York County by partnering with child care providers. There is 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.

2. Early Childhood Specialist – Hiring
 - a. We will be looking to hire a replacement for Diane Patelunas who retired in June to work with our Childcare Providers.
 - b. If you know of anyone interested in applying please contact me.
 - c. We are looking to help expand a Child Care Rating System, Quality Counts, into York County from the pilot program in Spartanburg County First Steps.

3. Early Childhood Conference
 - a. We will be hosting an Early Childhood Conference for child care providers on March 14, 2015 at Dutchman Creek Middle School.
 - b. They will receive 5 hours of certified training during the conference.

Financial Report-

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

Director's Report- Ouida gave an overview, since Teresa was out of town. (See report below)

Groucho's Deli Dine for Dollars: Wednesday, October 22nd. Plan to eat or order out to support ELP. Call ahead for meetings you may be hosting or provide lunch for your office. Spread the word!

- 1- Little Free Library at Cedar Crest Park: Met with the City of Rock Hill Parks and Rec Department and RH Rotary to determine a location in the playground to place the Library. Rotary Club will choose a date to host a Grand Opening Celebration!
- 2- Medical Clinic transition: The hardware and network cables have been installed in all four sites. The staff is practicing on the new network and things are going well.
- 3- Reach Out and Read (ROAR): Continuing to work with Scott Huffmon and the Research Lab on outcomes for our Early Literacy projects.
- 4- Close Scholar at Winthrop: ELP will begin using a Close Scholar to work on our Early Literacy efforts. Sarah Atkerson, sophomore, begins on October 1st.
- 5- Community Cause: Allstate profiles ELP in their Hometown Magazine for September and October. See the attached info.
- 6- York Rotary Beach Bash: Mark your calendars to attend or to purchase tickets for the Saturday, November 8th event to support DPIL.
- 7- JWL: donated a supply of new books they received from Kohl's to ELP to be used in our Little Free Libraries.
- 8- Lake Wylie Lion's Club: submitted a grant request for \$2000 for operating funds.
- 10-The Springs Close Foundation: will submit a grant request for \$18,000 for the Reach Out and Read program.
- 11-Krispy Kreme Challenge – Run 4 Reading: see attached contract with Start 2 Finish race management company. Ouida will fill you in on details. Our October Board meeting will be of utmost importance in defining what needs to be done. Please plan to attend!

Dr. Prosser said that the Career Development and partnership with the high school and teacher's forum that just bought a bunch of books with some grants. He thought that the high school would be interested in building a Free Little Library.

Ouida talked about the Krispy Kreme Race. Hired a road race management company. Need volunteers and sponsors.

Next Meeting will be on Wednesday, October 15th at 8:30 am at the Rock Hill Resource Center.