



Great Start Collaborative

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GSC EXECUTIVE TEAM MINUTES
Wednesday, Nov. 18th, 2019
10:30am-12:00noon
Kalamazoo RESA West Campus

<p>Our Vision: A Great Start for every child in Kalamazoo County: safe, healthy and successful in school and life.</p>	<p>Our Mission: The purpose of the Great Start Collaborative is to ensure a coordinated system of community resources and family supports in Kalamazoo County.</p>	<p>MDE Office of Great Start Early Childhood Outcomes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Children born healthy 2. Children healthy, thriving, and developmentally on track from birth to third grade 3. Children developmentally ready to succeed in school at the time of school entry 4. Children prepared to succeed in fourth grade and beyond by reading proficiently by the end of third grade
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All GSC Members agree to the following Meeting Agreements:

- *Be present at the meetings/conversation.*
- *Practice active listening (Step up/step back).*
- *Listen and welcome everyone's opinions (actively seek input from others, especially parents).*
- *Be open to new ideas.*

Agenda Items	Key Points/ What we want to get done	Outcomes/ Actions To Be Taken
Welcoming Activity (20 minutes)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Welcome and Housekeeping <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Please be sure to sign in! b. Opening Question centered on 4 EC Outcomes: What is one success in Kalamazoo County related to one (or more) of the Outcomes? 	In attendance Laura, Lori, Sarah, April, Jen, Deirdre, Marta, Sylvie, Mary, Bethany Round table discussion centered on 4 EC Outcomes.
GSC Staff Updates	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Welcome back Deirdre b. Marta's updates 	Marta: Taken a new position with Van Buren ISD, full time job, teaching kids in classrooms about the importance of exercise and nutrition.
GSC Structure (20 minutes)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Review Operating Guidelines for final discussion b. Next steps to implementation 	Passed out a document, Draft Nov 2019. Think more about all

		<p>the feedback as we went through this as a large group.</p> <p>Sarah Put in as staggered membership.</p> <p>Space number on the strategic teams.</p> <p>Limit on the number of people on the Exec team. 12 to 15</p>
<p>Quarterly Meeting Feedback and Planning (20 minutes)</p>	<p>a. DECEMBER QUARTERLY MEETING PLANS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Celebrating Successes b. Talking Is Teaching kick-off and mini-training c. Parent Cafe Discussion d. FY20 Work Plan and Work Group Development e. Break into small groups-- 4 Outcomes f. WHO WILL YOU INVITE? 2-3 individuals who should be at the table g. Other ideas??? <p>b. Plans for March and June QUARTERLY Meetings?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Brainstorm successes and opportunities (within work plan?) b. Updates from GSPC c. Updates from Trusted Advisors d. Bronson Needs Assessment 	<p>How could we do a celebrating success in that group. Glows and grows. We know there are gaps so just do glows. Is parent café and talking is teaching too much. KRA data. KRA as question mark for March and June. Bronson Needs assessment. Ready by March. Go through old minutes as to who should be at these meetings. Send link for December meeting.</p>
<p>FY20 GSC Work Plan Updates (15 minutes)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Update since budget approval b. Work group planning and development 	<p>Update is that it was approved with some recommendations, we had our conversation. We had a few modifications. Our projects all remain the same. Talking has moved up the chain at state</p>

		<p>level. They cut the funding and then asked to make talking is teaching a priority. Asked finance how they are going to supplement the other project.</p> <p>Do we want to have a talking is teaching committee? We want this to be a community wide event. We want it across the different grades. Sarah is going to a training to Livingston. State put out the 10 essentials for preschool. When we get trained and will go out to the different programs to train.</p> <p>Laura: there is Talking is Teaching and school readiness and we came up with another plan, we are not doing that now. It didn't work to stick it on the end of school readiness.</p>
<p>Community Announcements/ Dates to Remember (5 minutes)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Great Start Parent Coalition Meetings, Marta Lehman <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. 3rd Thursday of each month. 12:00-1:30pm and 5:30-7:00pm b. GSC Trusted Advisor Work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Fatherhood Network Discussions with Dads every Wednesday at 6:00pm at Douglass Community Association b. Community Playgroup for Spanish-speaking families now taking place at Washington Square Library. Thursday at 10am. c. Kalamazoo County Pre-K Recruitment www.dreambigstartsmall.org How can you/your organization help get the word out to families. 	