



# Great Start Collaborative

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**GSC EXECUTIVE TEAM Meeting MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, Dec. 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"> <li>1. Children born healthy</li> <li>2. Children healthy, thriving, and developmentally on track from birth to third grade</li> <li>3. Children developmentally ready to succeed in school at the time of school entry</li> <li>4. Children prepared to succeed in fourth grade and beyond by reading proficiently by the end of third grade</li> </ol>
<p>All GSC Members agree to the following Meeting Agreements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Be present at the meetings/conversation.</i></li> <li>• <i>Practice active listening (Step up/step back).</i></li> <li>• <i>Listen and welcome everyone's opinions (actively seek input from others, especially parents).</i></li> <li>• <i>Be open to new ideas.</i></li> </ul>		
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"> <li>a. Welcome and Housekeeping               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Please be sure to sign in!</li> </ol> </li> <li>b. Opening Question centered on Protective Factor--- self-care</li> </ol>	Self Care 3 things you want to remember or do from nurture your spirit
GSC Staff Updates	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Parent Liaison Job Posting--- Please share</li> </ol>	Parent Liaison share link
GSC Structure (20 minutes)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Final Approval of Operating Guidelines</li> <li>b. Next Steps for terms and officers</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Final approval of operating guidelines Sarah pulled up the section that we need to work on.</li> <li>b. Are you interested in staying on the group. Do you want a</li> </ol>

		<p>one year term or 2 year term.</p> <p>There is a term limit on the chair. I would like to formally ok this. Diane read through and proofed Voted on approving guidelines. Diane motioned, Sylvie seconded, all approved.</p>
<p>Quarterly Meeting Feedback and Planning (20 minutes)</p>	<p>a. DECEMBER QUARTERLY MEETING REVIEW</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Overview and Feedback</li> <li>b. Evaluation</li> <li>c. Celebrating Successes</li> </ul> <p>b. Plans for March and June QUARTERLY Meetings?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Bronson Needs Assessment (March)</li> <li>b. School Readiness Advisory Committee (June)</li> </ul>	<p>a. General overview</p> <p>Glows and grows everyone read what was shared at quarterly. Link to document with all Glows and Grows.</p> <p><a href="https://docs.google.com/document/d/1nfzwGp8_EHFqjXR1HFqM-6DyZvwXf2nTZLqSXDHRUY8/edit?usp=sharin">https://docs.google.com/document/d/1nfzwGp8_EHFqjXR1HFqM-6DyZvwXf2nTZLqSXDHRUY8/edit?usp=sharin</a></p> <p>Went through the survey responses. Fatherhood initiative made me realize we could do a recap or an update of the trusted advisor work. Make a checkbox on survey with topics for suggestions for future meetings.</p> <p>b. Plans for March and June Quarterly</p> <p>Bronson needs assessment is what Sarah is thinking for March. If Paige can't do it in march we can flip flop. June school readiness, behaviour piece. Trusted advisor recap. Mini presentation.</p>

		Talking is Teaching mini presentation has been talked about too.
FY20 GSC Work Plan Updates (15 minutes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Outcome 1--- Connecting to pregnant families via neighborhood grocery store</li> <li>b. Outcome 2--- Ministry with Community Connections</li> <li>c. Outcome 3-- School Readiness Advisory Work and Childcare Resources</li> <li>d. Outcome 4--- Talking Is Teaching</li> <li>e. Additional Work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Bronson Health Care Protective Factors Trainings</li> <li>ii. Parent Cafe Trainings and Events</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Notes in blue below
<p><a href="https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/Certificate_Structure_623452_7.pdf">https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/Certificate_Structure_623452_7.pdf</a>  Work Plan and what is in the works.  Outcome 1 workplan that we submitted, there was already a group that was asking for support around nutrition education around corner stores  YWCA has a grant to support groups with more fruit and vegetables  Sarah: is there information about nutrition  The store that is focus is Tienda Guatamalteca  We brought wic in and hopefully it will be a wic store. Owners are excited to have support and this plan. December 29th store is having an event and Angela Gross will be there to give out books.  Owners are open to any events to support community. Owners only speak spanish. Angela gross is going to work with them. They want to work with the community and make connections.  We were working with stores for a few months now and this store is really in.   Sarah will send flyer to Bethany to share with her family advocates.   Wik will provide materials for the store. There is someone coming from Diane's agency to do a cooking demonstration.   We have connections to get flyers into the community, they are thinking of coupons for \$1 off fresh produce.  Parent coalition was working hard to build a relationship with ministry with community. There is a music group starting there in January. Diane has staff there every day, partly because of housing stuff but we have grants.</p>		

Outcome 3, State doesn't mandate that we do it any certain way, we want to do it well.  
Bethany, the glows and grow we could see what was happening and what needed to happen.

Bronson is excited to be working with the PF. What needs to be done to incorporate clinical staff. Bronson is working hard to bring mom and babies and protective factors together.

Outcome 4: talking is teaching, Sarah went to a training in october to get a better handle on talking is teaching planning etc.

Laura: we are thinking of doing a parent cafe in march.

We need to figure out how to use that tool in the community. We hosted a cafe last week that was awesome. 26 people with 8 dads.

Parent coalition:

Parents filled out a survey in November, they wanted to see more social time and more protective factors.

Laura: talking with teachers having a quick touch base protective factors, maybe 20 mins.

Literacy coaches work closely with galesburg elementary.

Sarah was planning on doing a taking is teaching. Start with that and say what we are doing next. Have talking is teaching as an intro. If we had the details we could let them know that a bigger event is coming.

<p>Michigan Listening Session (5 minutes)</p>	<p>Review Results</p>	<p>Last thing I wanted to share. We had listening sections, results were shared with everyone. A lot going on at national range, looking at education and outreach and looking at how much is being paid. They are putting all the information together and where to go with it.</p>
<p>Community Announcements/ Dates to Remember (5 minutes)</p>	<p><b>a. Community Events and Opportunities</b>  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. Ministry With Community Music Group starting Jan 16th, 1pm</p>	<p>KRESA offering a food pantry initiative. It's a food pack system. It is meant to sustain you between visits between to loaves and fishes. Referral has to be from a KRESA.</p>

	d. Comstock Playgroup	Students can't take food on district busses but can on Dean busses.
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