

Mason County Early Learning Coalition

Minutes for Thursday April 2, 2015

- Welcome and Intros (name, agency, and what vacation place inspires you)
 - Holly Porter
 - Jenny Blumenstein
 - Kim Smith
 - Jennifer Williams-Foster
 - Lydia Buchheit
 - Annie Cubberly
 - Dan Teuteberg
 - Heidi Larsen
 - Rebecca Roadman

- Treasurer's report: no changes/no updates
 - Balance of \$9,055.13

- Executive board position open:
 - Chair
 - Kim Smith and Jennifer Williams-Foster interested in Co-chair
 - Chair Elect
 - Treasurer
 - Dan Teuteberg interested in treasurer
 - Secretary
 - Tami Stoutnar is willing to continue as secretary
 - The proposed slate of officers will be presented for approval at our May meeting.

- Book Distribution
 - Jennifer Williams-Foster shared about the Read Up program
 - Putting together a calendar of events/locations
 - Shelton School District limits only
 - Classes are full

- DEL – Strengthening Families grant opportunity shared by Dan
 - Voted and approved for Dan and Lydia to submit a letter of interest building off existing Coalition activities.
 - Due date of April 14.

- ICC Update
 - ICC will not be continuing the partnership with the Mason County Early Learning Coalition.

- They felt that there was not enough public awareness of the needs of special needs children being talked about as a whole.
 - The decision was made to move the ICC back to the original model.
 - Meetings will be the 1st Friday of the month from 9-11
- Discussion was had on the challenges of County/agency boundaries
- An extension was granted to both funded activities to resubmit the proposal for approval.
 - Jennifer and Anni and Eunice and Jennifer will send revised proposals to Holly at least a week before the next meeting.
- Surveys were discussed on follow-up and agency participation
- Small group break out time
 - Advocacy
 - Blockfest
 - Parent Group
- Agency Updates:
 - Health Department – MSS program discontinuing
 - DSHS – Lots of movement within programs and restructuring
 - Library – new hire Spanish and adult services / Bilingual storytime
 - CAC – lots of legislative work
 - Head Start – school district partnerships being redefined
 - Sound Learning – Postcard shared Spell-e-bration
 - South Sound Reading Foundation – Readers are Leaders postcards shared / Barnes and Nobles Bookfair shared
 - WSU – Hired a new faculty in the area of Community Economic Development
 - South Sound Parent to Parent – Daddy and Me program shared