

Mason County Early Learning Coalition & Interagency Coordinating Committee

Minutes for Thursday June 4, 2015

- Welcome and Introductions (name and agency)
 - Holly Porter- Capitol Region ESD 113 Head Start/ECEAP
 - Tami Stoutnar- Director, Shelton School District
 - Jenny Blumenstein- Sound Learning
 - Kim Smith- South Sound Parent to Parent
 - Jennifer Forster- South Sound Reading Foundation
 - Dan Teuteberg- WSU Extension
 - Katie deRose – Public Health Nurse
 - Allie Perline- Public Health
 - Lynn Urvina- FESS (Family Support)
 - Heidi Larson- Library

- Treasurer's Report
 - Lydia B. not in attendance
 - No changes to mention

- Exec Board-
 - Vote taken and the following passed unanimously
 - Kim Smith and Jennifer Forster will be Co-Chairs
 - Elizabeth Custis- Chair Elect
 - Tami Stoutnar- Secretary
 - Dan Teuteberg- Treasurer
 - New officers will be in place for the next meeting

- Summer Event (Lynn shared)
 - Something needed for young kids (to connect families with available resources)
 - Could possibly be at Evergreen Elementary
 - Dianne Arnold is the Facility Scheduler for Shelton School District (gave phone number to reach her 426-4471)
 - Healthy snacks needed (fruit kabobs?)
 - Looking for ways to involve families in the actual activity
 - Bubbles
 - Water balloons
 - Block Fest?
 - August 8th (10 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.)

- VEL Report (Visions for Early Learning)- Dan shared
 - Under a restructuring process
 - Redefining the role
 - Redoing governance structure

- More of a “Think Tank”
 - Bringing in more professional opportunities
 - Check-in point for grants
 - Working on an Organizational Chart
 - Looking for a Rep
 - Bi-monthly cycle
 - Kim and Jennifer will switch off, Holly may not be able to attend
 - Dan will be present and will be a rep for Mason County if others are unable to be present
 - Questions will already be formatted to include in the minutes of meetings
 - Professional Development Opportunity will be available at every meeting
 - Key points will be discussed to bring back to the regional level
- Task Groups-
 - Block Fest -
 - Block fest held on 6/3/15 at Shelton Head Start (Head Start paid for this)
 - Squaxin Summer Block fest Event will be August 26th (through MCELC’s mini-grant from VEL)
 - Lynn mentioned using this event for reporting as well
 - Resource tables set up by:
 - South Sound P2P
 - Shelton School District (?)
 - We are back that week for teacher training so will have to see who can attend
 - Anyone else interested?
 - Shelton Valley is also interested in hosting an event and there is enough money left from the VEL mini-grant to cover this.
 - Advocacy -
 - Meet the end of June to continue planning
 - Library Board is interested in helping
 - Hold event end of October/beginning of November
 - Location?
 - Alderbrook
 - Transit Center
 - Chief of Police may be interested in speaking
 - Food?
 - Carlos Molina may provide food
 - Parent Group-
 - Moving forward with their almost finished draft
 - STEM- safety focus

- Agency Reports:
 - **Kim Smith** (P2P)- English/Spanish posters were placed in ~50 businesses in Shelton; 5 businesses said “NO” to the Spanish version; new Spanish support person hired; Elena Lopez; wants to organize monthly play groups to start in September
 - **Jennifer Williamson-Forster** (Reading Foundation)- READY! has 63 kits left over that must be given out this summer; need to have 1:1 time with parents before giving the kit out; Read Up has 5000 NEW books to give away this summer in Shelton
 - **Heidi Larson** (Library) – working hard at doing school visits; the library is losing 2 staff members but hopes to replace them soon
 - **Jenny Blumenstein** (Sound Learning) – Summer Session after 7/4/15; child care is needed if anyone is interested
 - **Lynn Urvina** (FESS) – has some money that needs to be spent; fliers were given out to pass on to families that are raising relatives
 - **Allie Perline** (Public Health) – working on accreditation
 - **Holly Porter** (Head Start/ECEAP)- Last day with students is 6/5/15; enrolling kids for next year; priority is 4 year olds; a childcare center in Shelton wants to add ECEAP slots. For students with IEPs, income does not matter; federal mandate is 10% of program must be students with IEPs. New job role - Instructional Coach and will visit other centers
 - **Dan Teuteberg** (WSU Extension)- continuing his research for 3 more years... could present about volunteer engagement
 - **Tami Stoutnar** (Shelton School District)- changes to our district’s ELL (English Language Learners) program; gradually moving students back to their home school rather than all students being at Evergreen Elementary; there will still be a Dual Language Program at Evergreen though, and there will be ELL support in the other elementary schools; B-3 will run through the summer with services matching (as closely as possible) to what happens during the school year; new preschool portable to be housed at Evergreen Elementary; new Superintendent to be starting in mid-June

Next meeting: **August 6th 9:30 -11:30**