



Meeting Minutes – Educational Preparedness Working Group

Date: June 28, 2016

Time: 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Location: Prior Lake Library

Work Group Members:

Roz Addler		Amy Hennen		Michelle Rutoski	X
Carla Arrunategui		Candace Kragthorpe	X	Tamara Severtson	X
Lynne Burke		Kim Latterner		Kami Thompson	
Kathy Busch	X	Barbara Marschall	X	Lisa Von Bokern	X
Mary Erickson	X	Ibrahim Mohamed		Leanne Weyrauch	X
Renee Hartman		Todd Otis	X		

Staff Members:

Suzanne Arntson	X	Jake Grussing	X	Jennifer Schultz	X
Lisa Brodsky	X	Kari Ouimette	X		
Sarah Geffre	X	Lisa Pollard	X		

General Housekeeping

- The 50 by 30 website (www.livelearnearn.org) is live. The website hosts agendas, minutes, and other information for each of the groups related to the 50 by 30 project (Housing, Workforce Readiness, Educational Preparedness, Transportation and Steering Committee). This is a great resource for seeing what the other groups are doing.
- The Steering Committee met earlier in the day on 6/28/2016 and has asked that each group select a chair and co-chair. Responsibilities of the chair would be to lead meetings, help guide agendas, and attend Steering Committee Meetings (fourth Tuesday of the month from 10-12 at Prior Lake City Hall). The chair would give updates about the Educational Preparedness working group status to the Steering Committee and other work groups. They would also hear what the

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other working groups are doing and bring that back to the Educational Preparedness group. Schultz would assist and coach the chair as needed. If you are interested in either position, connect with Schultz.

- Grussing gave a brief update on the Steering Committee meeting that occurred on 6/28/2016. This was the Steering Committee's third meeting. The group talked about whether 50 by 30 was the true goal or just one measure of a larger goal. The group decided to focus on Live, Learn, Earn instead.
- The Steering Committee requested that Educational Preparedness consider a different meeting date due to their meeting on the fourth Tuesday of the month, however, the fourth Tuesday seems to be working well for the Educational Preparedness working group members so it was decided that the Educational Preparedness working group would continue to meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month from 5:30-7:00 p.m. Schedule for 2016 is as follows:
 - July 26, 2016 at Prior Lake Library
 - August 23, 2016 at Prior Lake Library
 - September 27, 2016 at Prior Lake Library
 - October 25, 2016 at Prior Lake Library
 - November 22, 2016—TBD at July 26th meeting
 - December 27, 2016—TBD at July 26th meeting

Who's Here? Who's Missing?

- Members who were not able to attend last month's meeting completed the stakeholder wheel activity and added their dots of experience to the group's large stakeholder wheel. As our team continues to meet, we will continually evaluate who is in the room, the experience they contribute, and if we need to bring other people into the group.

How Do We Want To Work Together?

- Everyone in the room wants the Educational Preparedness team to be successful. In light of this, Schultz asked the group "What would this look like if we did this poorly?" The group thought the following behaviors and outcomes would be detrimental to the group's success:
 - Nothing changes for Scott County residents
 - Lack of community input
 - No goals
 - Unclear understanding of population
 - Lack of clarity and outcomes
 - Team members aren't engaged and don't contribute
 - Steering Committee changes focus or doesn't understand what they are doing
 - Lack of representation by diverse communities
 - Meetings with no purpose

- Lack of an action plan
- Not fun
- Group members always show up unprepared
- Group members are always late
- Meet with others outside the meeting
- Interrupt others
- Defensive
- Negative Tone
- Not appreciating different styles
- Lack of community

Who Is Our Focus?

- Following up on the discussion last month about who is our focus, Schultz asked the group to talk through which age groups they wanted to focus on. The group discussed how age was an important factor as the group begins to set goals. While there are many benefits on focusing on birth to 3 or birth to 8, others pointed out that it is sometimes after age 8 that children begin to struggle no matter how good their birth-8 experience was. Brodsky pointed out that prenatal care should be taken into consideration was well.

6-Month Goals

- Scott County often ranks near the top for the highest median income, lowest poverty rate, etc. However, if we are to look at all Scott County residents, who is Scott County great for? Who are the individuals in our community that we may need to focus on? While some of our residents may experience a high level of economic sustainability, other residents do not. How will our future look if we don't change things? What do you want for the people of Scott County?
- It is the Steering Committees vision that all Scott County residents are stable, connected, educated and contributing. Outside of that vision, it is up to each of the individual working groups to focus on issues they select.
- Often problems are multi-faceted. Children who are not doing well in school may have other contributing issues such as health issues, family poverty, learning disabilities, hunger, abuse, violence, homelessness, substance abuse in the home, etc. Often solutions need to be family focused—not just child focused.
- The group is looking at Scott County as a whole, however, are there cities in Scott County that do better than others?
- Reading at grade level by 3rd grade seems to be an important indicator for future success as individuals are more likely to graduate from high school leading to better secondary education or work opportunities. Schools in Scott County are well aware that there is an issue where a significant number (one-third) of students are not currently reading at grade level by 3rd grade. What is the typical school doing? Do we know what they are thinking about trying? Many felt

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that it would be good to have principals and teachers in the room to bring information about some of the efforts in the schools. Schools are often a resource for having access to information regarding different demographics and statistics about children in the school system locally.

Homework

Take some time before our next meeting to think about the following:

1. What does Educational Preparedness mean? What should be the scope of our work?
2. What are some barriers to education?
3. We need a chair and co-chair for our group. If you are interested, contact Jen Schultz (jschultz@co.scott.mn.us).
4. Rutoski and Grusing plan to connect with school contacts to see if they would be interested in joining the Educational Preparedness team.

Next Meeting Date: July 26, 2016 from 5:30-7:00 p.m. at the Prior Lake Library.

Minutes taken by Sarah Geffre