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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES 6/24/2009

- Members present:
 - Melissa Miller, Parent Rep. Ogemaw County
 - Brenda Stapelton, AC-65/72
 - Marci Howey, Roscommon County Rep.
 - Lisa Daniels, Parent Rep. Oscoda County and Client Services Coordinator
 - Teena Bruner, Oscoda County Rep.
 - Amy Hesse, GSC Director and GSC Acting Chair
 - Nancie Kersy, GSC Vice Chair/4C
 - Kristina Coffinger, Crawford County Rep.
 - Amy Coulter, GSC Secretary and GSC Parent Liaison

- Amy Hesse
 - Stressed the importance of contacting our Representatives and Governor about the importance of early childhood program funding
 - Talked about Rep. Joel Sheltroun's visit to KCC on Monday, June 29th at 6:30 pm in the auditorium. She would like everyone that is representing early childhood to wear "blinky stars". Sheltroun is in favor of budget cuts surrounding early childhood.
 - On Thursday, June 25th ECIC will hold a press conference in Lansing releasing their findings on various polls taken regarding early childhood programs.
 - Today, the House is voting on School Aid.
 - Discussed doing an insert in various community newspapers summarizing our Community Report findings.

- The Exec. Committee discussed the 38 required positions for the GSC and how we need the decision makers of these various organizations on the GSC. Committee members will go through the list and e-mail Amy Coulter, secretary lists of candidates from our various communities that would qualify.

- Committee discussed scheduling an event that would get the decision makers into the room. The event will be held Thursday, August 27th at the Kirtland House from 10am-12pm. We would stress that this would be an informational meeting introducing the GSC to our community. Amy Hesse and Amy Coulter will work on an invitation to send out and distribute committee members for them to distribute. PTO's in the community will also be invited.

- Amy Hesse talked about doing Community Focus Groups discussing the findings of the Community Report.
- On September 23rd, Bill Millett will be at KCC discussing the “Economic impact about investing in early childhood”.
- GSC and Parent Coalition would like to set up a booth at the Ogemaw County Fair, particularly on Kids Day, August 19th. Contact person: Peggy Zettel 989-387-2294, niece of Brenda Stapelton.
- Amy Hesse and Amy Coulter will present the Community Report Power Point at Mio School Board meeting, July 13th 7pm in the library and the Fairview School Board meeting that same night (before 8pm).
- Marci Howey will check and see when the Roscommon County School Board meeting is being held and if we can present.
- Discussed getting involved in the Crawford County Baby Pantry.
- Amy Hesse will e-mail the GSC Blueprint to Committee members.
- Kathy Kneff will work on making a GSC tri-fold flyer to distribute to the public. Also discussed mass mailing of the flyer.
- Nancie Kersey will give the DHS offices and overview of the GSC and Community Report.
- Teena Bruner will work on setting up the Oscoda County Board of Commissioners meeting where we can present.
- Kathleen Solomen is Oscoda County’s new Prosecuting Attorney.
- Discussed a future fundraiser tentatively called “A Walk to a Great Start”.
- The next GSC meeting will be held July 29th, 10am at the Kirtland House. Exec. Committee meeting will be held directly afterwards.