Boston Community Partnerships for Children

BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS Lead Agent

Governing Council Meeting Minutes
South End Head Start – 112 Shawmut Avenue, Boston

Thursday, November 10, 2011
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Members Present: Pamela Brooks, Anne Corbin, Bernadette Davidson, Mary Dooley, Matt LiPuma, and Yajaira Moore

Non-Members Present: Danielle Gantt, Brenda Powers and Nicole St.Victor

Meeting Commenced at 6:02 p.m.

Approval of the October 13th, 2011 Meeting Minutes

- Minutes reviewed, but no quorum to vote and approve**.**

Coordinator Updates – Danielle Gantt

- shared logo (preference for the one with children on the stairs). Danielle will send it out to the council for an electronic vote.
- shared information on the Child Profile Pilot

Membership Meeting Updates – Matt LiPuma

- next meeting on December 8th
- will be held at Northeastern
- agenda will include introduction of council members
- topic will be around transitions
  - speaker will touch broadly on experiences at every level of transition.
- need to pay for a Special Event Manager - $144. BAEYC has committed to donate $150 which will pay for this
- Options for serving food:
  - have people pay to attend (food and 2 hr training)
  - dues (annual fee) – tiered fee for members (parents/individual, organization)
  - Contact Lakeshore, Kaplan, Discount School Supply – request a one-time donation to cover food. Vendor can bring their materials.
  - seek support from organizations that are participating in the partnership
  - put on the flyer that the new grant doesn't cover food
  - request a food donation (give a recommended amount)
  - contact Whole Foods in JP for a donation (light meal) – Brenda will send them a letter.
  - Banks – Washington Mutual, TD Bank, Metro Credit Union, One United Bank
  - can people write checks directly to the vendor
- Other space options: Hyde Park Community Center, Roslindale Community Center, Perkins Community Center, Mattapan Library, BPS auditoriums

Community Partnership Committees

- Quality Committee – seeking to shift the focus of the work – instead of program quality, begin to focus on best practices for family engagement.

- Needs assessment on what families' critical needs are
- Evidenced based models of what's happening in other urban cities such as Boston (what they are doing, what's working/not working, what can we learn from them?)
- Strengthening families work – use surveys to collect data on what families want and need.

- Family child care committee – move the priority from a provider support group to supporting families in the FCC setting. Develop strategies for bringing parents to the decision-making/planning table.

Community campaign – distribute information in community newspapers about the brain development happening the 1st two years of life.

Great membership meeting:
What do families know about children's development 0-3? What are some creative ways to get information out to a range of families? How do you package existing information? Who do you give it to?

<u>Announcements</u>

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.