Mission: To support parents as their children’s first teachers, improve access to high quality childcare/preschool and develop a community mobilization plan that will result in quality early learning opportunities for all young children.

Meeting Minutes
Website: www.wwcc.edu/earlylearningcoalition

Present: Jim McCarthy, Heather Rodriguez, Nancy Carter, Betsy Brinkley, Leah Crudup, Laurie Withers, Samantha Bowen, Brooke Bouchey, Liz McDevitt

New Business:
- Parent’s Needs Assessment – Samantha
  - Samantha presented a power point presentation on the results and findings of the Parent’s Needs Assessment.
  - The power point was presented to the Leadership Group last Friday. It was suggested to give the presentation to kindergarten teachers and the city council.
  - A proposal is being made to hire a facilitator to come to Walla Walla to see in what direction we should go. They will meet throughout the summer. The facilitator will make sure we ask the “right” questions and the committee will do the work.

- Born Learning has received $5,000 from Thrive by Five and will continue through May 31, 2009. Hopefully this will lead to long term funding. Book baskets will be distributed at WIC offices and the Christian Aid Center.

- Upcoming Events and Activities
  - April 25, 2009 – Blue Mountain AEYC Conference for Early Childhood Educators and Parents at Davis Elementary School.
  - April 25, 2009 – Children’s Day at Washington Park from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
  - April 26, 2009 – 35th Anniversary of Parent Education at WWCC – 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the Parent Child Center
  - April 26, 2009 Child Abuse Prevention Walk from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the Court House
  - May 8 – 10, 2009 Balloon Stampede

Respectfully submitted,
Laurie Withers

Our next meeting will be May 14, 2009 from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM at WWPS Administration Building