Meeting Minutes

Present: Peggy Kunz, Mary Ann Gilpatrick, Heather Rodriguez, Amy Osterman, Cathy O’Brien, Danielle Hill, Yolanda Esquivel, Punkey Adams, Laurie Withers, Samantha Bowen

- Foundation for Early Learning Grant – We applied for a grant from FEL to be used for our Strategic Planning Session. We should know by the end of the week if we have received the grant. Update: We received the grant!!
  - Jim McCarthy is to be inducted as the new Chairman for FEL today. Congratulations Jim!

- The Resource Guide was distributed for any additions or corrections. The guide serves families with children from birth to 5 and it will be ready in October. The Walla Walla Union Bulletin will insert the guide in their parenting magazine, which will be printed quarterly.

- June 30th Strategic Planning Session – Dovetail Consulting will help us develop a strategic plan on how to prepare children for kindergarten from 11 – 3 pm at WWPS Administration building in the Boardroom. Please plan to attend this very important meeting so we can get community wide representation. RSVP to Samantha Bowen at 527-4453 – lunch is provided.

- October 7th Early Learning Event – A luncheon will be held on Wednesday, October 7, 2009 from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm at the Marcus Whitman hotel in the ballroom. Dave Lawrence will speak to our business and community leaders about the importance of providing early childhood services to our families. Born Learning artwork will also be sold at this event. Cost will be $30 - $50 per ticket.

- Reach Out and Read is a Gates Grant to promote literacy through the medical community. Books are given to families at St. Mary Medical Center and the Family Clinic. For more information please go to www.reachoutandreadwa.org.

- Blue Mountain Community Foundation – We have asked the BMCF for $2,400 to go toward the Strategic Planning Session.
WW Council on Child Abuse Prevention has given $1,000 to our program.

Community Presentations - Samantha Bowen has presented the findings of the Needs Assessment survey at Rotary, BMAEYC, Exchange Club and will present on June 30th at Provider’s Night Out hosted by CCR&R and DEL.

Danielle Hill, from the YWCA Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services gave an update on the services provided by the YWCA to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault and areas that need to be addressed to better serve their clients.

Respectfully submitted,
Laurie Withers

Our next meeting will be the Strategic Planning Session on June 30, 2009 from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM at WWPS Administration Building in the Boardroom.
Please RSVP to 527.4453 * Lunch Provided