



**Early Learning Coalition of Sarasota County
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT, TRAINING & QUALITY
COMMITTEE MEETING**

**The Landings, Blue Awning
Monday, October 27, 2008**

MINUTES

ATTENDEES

Kathleen Sullivan
Candy Exline
Marjorie Fondacaro
Yvette Robison
Eva Balcar
Janet Kahn

Mary Wolf
Jackie Fountaine
Jill Jacoby
Venise Duchesne
Dr. Kathy Stuckey

Dr. Ginny Myers
Malikah Daffin
Elma J. McKay
Wendy Harris
Lynne Weinick

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 10:04 A.M. by Kathleen Sullivan.

2. OLD BUSINESS

Minutes from the, September 29, 2008 meeting were approved pending corrections to Attendance.

Training

Mary Wolf and Ginny Myers gave brief updates on the implementation of follow-up activities for training sessions. Ginny reported that participants at her trainings have been completing assignments and were not resistant to the new procedures.

The Committee agreed that participants must turn in their follow-up activity, signed off by the director if the participant was a teacher, in order to receive an in-service certificate. Participants may then apply for CEUs from SCTI for eligible classes. Kathleen agreed that the Coalition should develop a form that listed training title, date, and list of participants who had completed the follow up activities. Completion of follow up activities would take the place of the Reflective Evaluation question on the CEU application. Mary said the Coalition would develop the form and this data would be tracked.

8th Annual ELC Conference planning

The Committee reviewed the discussion and decisions from the last meeting. Mary reported that she had contacted the Learning Station and they would be available on January 31. The Learning Station has created a new presentation in collaboration with Becky Bailey, to be premiered at the NAEYC conference in November, which could be the closing for our Conference. The Learning

Station also has numerous other presentations which could be used for breakout sessions. Mary said that according to the women representing the Learning Station, participants leave feeling “uplifted and appreciated.” The Committee agreed to go with the Learning Station as the closing.

Conference planning to date:

- Location: Pineshores Conference
- Date: Saturday, January 31, 2009
- Theme: Look for the Stars: Quality Through a Child’s Eyes
- Keynote: Kathryn Shea, CEO of the Florida Center
- Closing: Looking at The Learning Station’s new program based on Becky Bailey’s concepts. They would also do 2 breakouts.
- Tentative Interactive tables:
 - ✓ Outdoor Environments – to include pictures of change providers have already put into place
 - ✓ De-stressors
 - ✓ Marketing
 - ✓ Child Abuse Prevention
 - ✓ Health Care/Insurance
- Tentative Break-out Sessions
 - ✓ Learning Station
 - ✓ Sensory Integration (Judy Corso?)
 - ✓ Inclusion (Judy Corso?)
 - ✓ Infant and Toddler Best Practices (Cyesis Staff)
 - ✓ Director’s Round Table (Kathryn Shea) *Double this?*
 - ✓ Outdoor Environments (Lisa Allen) *Double this?*
 - ✓ Discussing Sensitive Issues with Parents (Federation of Families) *Double this?*
 - ✓ Planning Transitions (Susan Klein) *Double this?*
 - ✓ Open Ended Art
 - ✓ Cultural Diversity Center by Center (Darelyn Poole) *Double this?*
 - ✓ Brain Development
 - ✓ Organizing and Structuring Your Environment (Ginny Myers) *Double this?*
 - ✓ Marketing is Everyone’s Business (Lynne Weinick)
- Celebrating Look for the Stars participants
 - ✓ Invite Quality Child Care Council members to speak
 - ✓ Further thought needed on how to recognize providers

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Kathy Stuckey announced that MCC is going national on-line offering four year degrees.
- Kathy Stuckey also urged the committee to reject Amendment 8 which addresses the funding source for community colleges.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 12:15pm. The next meeting will be Monday, November 17, 2008 at The Landings.

Submitted by Marjorie Fondacaro