

**Wilkes Community Partnership for Children
Board Meeting Minutes
April 8th, 2008**

Attendance

Jim Faw (non voting)
Wendy Hoffmeister
Beth Lovette
Donnie Bumgarner
Bill Warden
Jean Graf
Tony Marin
Kaye Lamb
Brenda Roten
Judy West
Darlene Shumate
Jennifer Murray

Staff/Community

Laura Welborn
Britt Johnston
Melinda Swofford
Melissa Black
Suzanne Hanlin
Janessa Byrd
Bill Sebastian
Janet Sink
Jean Brown

Absent

April Brinegar
Walter Broyhill
Debbie Ferguson
Deborah Elledge
Patricia Turner
Gary Page
Anita Oliver
Dr. Tim Van Noy
Dr. Gordon Burns
Matthew Miller
Wendy Warner

Quorum is established

1. **Welcome** – Wendy Hoffmeister
2. **Announcements-** Introduced Vicky Aiken as the Financial Director.
3. **Approval of February Minutes**
Beth Lovette/Brenda Roten

Motion Carries

4. **Program Issues-** *Laura*

New program updates:

- Ready Schools Update- Janet Sink
 - Ready Schools Teams have been set up at CB Eller, CC Wright, Mount Pleasant, Mulberry and Ronda-Clingman
 - Positive Comments are being made by school officials.
- Raising a Reader Update- Laura Welborn
 - Raising a Reader has been approved for 2007-2008.
 - A bid has been placed on our website and is running in the newspaper for a coordinator for this project. Volunteers for Wilkes Literacy have shown interest in applying.
 - There will be two community sites for Raising a Reader- Country Square and Ronda Clingman Site.
- Nurturing parents Update-Janessa Byrd
 - There a 21 parents (non-English speaking) participating at the Moravian Falls ESL Center
 - There are 24 parents participating at the Wilkes Family Resource Center
 - The Monday night class is averaging 9 in attendance. These families are court referred.
 - A pre and post test will be given to each participant.
- CCR&R Technical Assistance Update- Suzanne Hanlin
 - Spring Fling- 12 Workshops were offered with a total of 110 participants
 - Church Preschools- Suzanne Hanlin and Whitney Holbrook have developed a training follow up check list to ensure participants are using what they learn in the training.
 - Second Steps- A spreadsheet was presented that displayed all the participating all the center and schools sites who were participating and what lessons they have completed.
- Child Health Update- Melinda Swofford
 - Sensory Workshop- Will train providers how to meet the sensory needs of the children in their care. All participating sites will receive Chair Balls and a Sit n Spin.
 - Obesity- Smart Start is holding a Spring into Fitness Competition for Child Care Providers. Child Care providers will pair up in teams and the winning team will receive a two hour lunch at Ruby Tuesday.
 - Health newsletter will go out to parents and classrooms will participate in activities to win fitness chips.

5. **Financial** – *Laura*

- Budget Amendments were presented to Board and approved as follows

Motion: To add \$5,000.00 to Child Care Resource and Referral for Spring Fling and trainings/supplies
Jennifer Murray/Jean Graf
Motion Carries

Motion: To add \$1,000.00 to Child Health for non cash awards
Kaye Lamb/Jennifer Murray
Motion Carries

Motion: To add \$1,000.00 to Behavior Intervention for Training Nurturing Parents
Darlene Shumate/Kaye Lamb
Motion Carries

Motion: To decrease Professional Development budget by \$5,000.00
Beth Lovette/Judy West
Motion Carries

Motion: To decrease Program Evaluation budget by \$3,000.00
Beth Lovette/Judy West
Motion Carries

Motion: To decrease Wilkes Family Resource Center by \$10,000.00
Judy West/Jennifer Murray
Motion Carries

Motion: To add \$2,000 to Subsidy Admin for personnel costs
Donnie Bumgarner abstained/excused
Bill Warden/Judy West
Motion Carries

The following activity budgets and amendments were approved in the February 20th, 2008
Raising a Reader- \$8,500 New Activity
Ready Schools: Add \$4,000.00 for training materials

Upcoming Meetings: June 18th Board Meeting with Legislative candidates

Financial Statements were presented to board.

Meeting was adjourned