

Boost4Families Big Board
January 30, 2008
First Christian Church, Red Oak

Members present: Sonja Cambridge (DHS), Sherry Ford (Mills Co. parent), Tamra Ruff (Mont. Co. parent), Terry Schmidt (Red Oak School Dist.), Kimberlee Spillers (Cass Co. parent), Pat Simmons (Cass Co. elected official), Duane McFadden (Cass Co. elected official), Nancy Krogstad (Glenwood School District), Ron Kohn (Mills Co. elected official), Matt Perkins (Nishna Valley School District), Dawn Witt (AEA 14), Margo Magill (Atlantic School Dist.), Cheri Miner (Griswold School Dist.), John Baker (Villisca School Dist.), Mary Perkins (Mont. Co. Public Health), Julie Williamson (Anita School Dist.), Kim Freund (Cass Co. Public Health), Jacquie Morrival (Mills Co. child care), Sheri Bowen (Mills Co. Public Health).

Others in attendance were: Carol Gutchesky (DHS), and Amy Chastain (Boost4Families).

Board Packets were mailed to board members in advance.

Dinner was provided for meeting.

Kimberlee Spillers called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

Welcome/Announcements

Kimberlee Spillers welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked that everyone go around and introduce themselves.

Amy passed out information for Legislative coffee dates in all three counties, and Southwest Iowa Free Tax information.

Amy passed around the sign-in sheet and asked that everyone fill out addresses, phone numbers and e-mail addresses, so Amy can make sure her information is correct.

Approval of Minutes and Agenda

Kimberlee stated that she would entertain a motion to approve the agenda for the meeting and the minutes from the last meeting. John Baker made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Duane McFadden seconded the motion. All approved.

Cheri Minor made a motion to approve the agenda. Pat Simmons seconded the motion. All approved.

History of Boost4Families

Carol Gutchesky was the guest speaker for the evening. She presented a power point on the history of Boost4Families. This was a very informative presentation to all present. Amy has a copy of presentation and plans to e-mail this to board members.

Overview of budget

Amy gave a brief overview of FY08 funded programs. Amy handed out a sheet with the amounts given to each program.

Amy told the board that Boost4Families received transfer funds from DHS. These funds need to be spent by June 30th, 2008. At this point, the programs that didn't get funded or fully funded in June were given funds out of this pot of money. Neighborhood network mini-grants have been given to several projects within the area. Amy stated that an RFP for more neighborhood network mini-grants is currently out. Amy also mentioned that she is working on setting up a website for Boost4Families. All of this would come from Transfer funds.

Kindergarten Readiness Survey

Amy passed out the results of the Kindergarten readiness survey. No questions were asked.

Legislative update

Kimberlee Spillers went over the Legislative Coffee dates, and talked about Day on the Hill that is scheduled for Feb. 14th, 2008.

Board Membership/Exec. Board voting

Amy told the board about the Board retreat scheduled for March 31st. This retreat is designed to be an educational retreat on what it means to be a board member. Shanell Wagler from the State Empowerment Team will be presenting that night. By-laws, Board make-up and Redesignation will all be topics for the evening.

Vote for Executive Board and Officers

Amy handed out the ballots with everyone's name (all Boost4Families Board Members – minus those that asked to be removed) on it. She explained that the board was to pick three people from each county that they would like to see on the Executive Board. One of the three needs to be a citizen/elected official. The results of the voting were as follows:

Cass County

Kim Freund, and Kimberlee Spillers

Montgomery County

John Baker, and Tamra Ruff

Mills County

Sherry Ford, and Sheri Bowen

Election of Officers

Sherry Ford - Chair

John Baker – Vice Chair

Kim Freund – Financial Officer

Next Meeting

The next meeting/retreat is set for March 31st, 2008 at the First Christian Church in Red Oak. The June meeting is set for June 19th, 2008. This will be the FY09 discussion of proposals.

It was suggested that Amy send out packets via e-mail, and not snail mail. All agreed.

Dawn Witt made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kimberlee Spillers seconded the motion. All approved.

Sherry Ford called the meeting to a close at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Amy Chastain

Boost4Families Coordinator