

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Navarro County Early Childhood Coalition**

**November 9, 2023 -- 1:00- 3:00 P.M.**

**Location of Meeting:** Chamber of Commerce Meeting Room

**Present at Meeting:** 18 in Attendance

The meeting was opened by Rachel Gillespie, Program Director

**Agenda for Meeting**

The agenda for the meeting was distributed earlier through email.

**Review of Previous Minutes**

No minutes from the previous meeting

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**Rachel G. Program Director** - Reviewed the Group Agreements and led an Ice Breaker for the group

**Rachel G. Program Director** – Reviewed the 2023 Coalition Priorities

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**Rachel G.** – Those who attended were asked to complete a survey on the coalition and how the meetings can be improved.

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**Things Reviewed**

**Rachel G.** – RBA teams were reviewed and the new process for meetings. You had opportunity to pick a team or switch teams. The first meeting of these refreshed teams will be either in December or February depending on the team and what that team has going on.

**Rachel G.** – The Early Childhood Educators Appreciation Week activities were reviewed. There was also some discussion on the survey results.

**Rachel G.** – Reviewed the Fall Movie Night – there was 265 in attendance.

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**Burgandy P.** – gave an update on the Parent Advisory Council including their work on the Parent Cafes, their feedback and work on bundle of joys and prep for Child Development Day.

**Rachel G.** – Discussed the Child Development Day on November 30<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 -7:00 PM at Grace Community Church. Volunteers will be needed. Betty Stroder will present on healthy brain development.

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### **Consideration of Open Issues**

**Rachel G.** – Holiday Movie Night with Corsicana Main Street will be December 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM at The Palace.

**Rachel G.** -There will be a new LFL opening on November 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM at the HOPE Center. Also, some discussion in regards to the LFL Rewards program and ideas for the Elf on the Shelf Scavenger Hunt in December. There will also be an LFL book donation drive in December.

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**Rachel G.** - Some good news was shared about the Bright by Text subscribers – we now have 512 signed up which means we reached our goal for 2023.

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**Ashley P.** – Update on the Bundle of Joy boxes. Goal is to do a package party on November 29<sup>th</sup> from 1-3 PM to pack 100 boxes for December and January. This will take place at the WPC fellowship hall.

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### **Agenda and Time of Next Meetings**

**Parent Café – November 9, 2023 – 5:30 – 7:30 PM**

**Parent Advisory Board – December 7, 2023 – 1:00 -3:00 PM**

**Navarro County Early Childhood Coalition – January 25, 2024**

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The meeting was adjourned by: Rachel Gillespie

Minutes submitted by: Barbara Wood

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