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## GRADS Advisory Group Meeting

May 23, 2017

**Present:** Kristi Dominguez, Jeff McKenna, Michelle Wilhelm, Stephanie Schroeder, Meagan Dawson, Darcie Donegan, Meghan Dunham, Julie Flint, Debbie Haney, Darci Peterson, Erin Schuldt, Erin Shaffer, Johanna Williams, Vicki Lee

**Members Excused/Absent:** Tracey Jaeger, Geraldine Coleman, Carolina Olza-Kelsh, Byron Gerard, Susan Hymans Kim Peterson, Makenzie Foster, Maureen Hodge, Michelle Malone, Sophia Morales, Sarah Moran, Sandra Perez, Barb Cummins, Tracy Dahlstedt-Rienstra, Raine Dozier,

**Minutes:** Kris Newberry

Agenda Items	Discussion/Decisions
2:30 p.m. Welcome Jeff McKenna	
2:45 p.m. Options – GRADS Stephanie & Meghan	Meghan showed some recent photos of the progress of the GRADS childcare areas at Options HS. The occupancy permit should be ready mid-August. The preschool will not open at the beginning of the school year. Darcie Donegan would like to be involved in the design of the play spaces.
3:00 p.m. Business:  Summer Extension Program Scholarships Michelle	Summer Extension program through BTC will include a parent educator to conduct parenting classes. It will be on Wednesday evenings, beginning June 21 for eight weeks at the First Congregational church. Cost is being covered by a private donor who is also providing incentives to the students who attend most or all of the classes. Michelle has been meeting with the Northwest Youth Services. Our Homeless Support office has an intern who is creating a flyer of all the community resources available during the summer. Food Bank boxes will be continuing to be delivered during the summer.



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<p>3:15 p.m. Options Opening/Needs Kristi</p> <p>Work Teams</p> <p>Advisory Group for Next Year</p>	<p>Scholarships: Jocelyn, Hannah. The board agreed to award \$1,000 each.</p> <p>Work Teams: Facebook page for families, consider developing a scholarship for the infants. Fundraising? College bound scholarship.</p> <p>We will need to recreate the board again as the terms have run out. We will send info to the existing board to reapply if they wish.</p>
<p>Reports: Childcare</p>	<p>SqHS: Full</p> <p>SHS: Full</p> <p>End of the year celebration for the students. June 8</p>
<p>Financial</p>	<p>\$12,577.61 Scholarship Fund –Board approval needed \$1,946.54 Friend Raising – Board approval needed \$502.41 Lois Wahl – no prior approval necessary \$0.00 Diaper fund – no prior approval necessary \$91.81 Checking</p>
<p>Announcements</p>	<p>Vicki thanked the BPS for continuing to support the GRADS program. It would not nearly be as successful without the focused vision of the district. First meeting of next year will be held at the new Options HS.</p>
<p>Meeting Schedule</p>	<p><del>November 29, January 24, April 11, May 23</del> 2:30-4:00 p.m. Location: Room 212</p>