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GRADS Advisory Group Meeting

September 27, 2016

Present: Kristi Dominguez, Jeff McKenna, Michelle Wilhelm, Stephanie Schroeder, Geraldine, Coleman, Meagan Dawson, Darcie Donegan, Meghan Dunham, Julie Flint, Debbie Haney, Maureen Hodge, Susan Hymans, Tracey Jaeger, Michelle Malone, Sophia Morales, Sarah Moran, Sandra Perez, Darci Peterson, Kim Peterson, Beth Schille-O'Connor, Erin Schuldt, Erin Shaffer, Johanna Williams

Members Excused/Absent: Barb Cummins, Tracy Dahlstedt-Rienstra, Raine Dozier, Makenzie Foster, Byron Gerard, Vicki Lee, Carolina Olza-Kelsh,

Minutes: Kris Newberry

Agenda Items	Discussion/Decisions
Minutes	Minutes from the May 24, 2016 meeting were distributed
2:30 Welcome – Jeff McKenna	Share out a fun activity from the summer from all members present. A couple members have withdrawn from the committee due to changes in their jobs.
2:45 Who are we right now? - Michelle	Powerpoint presentation Options: Built with a Birth – 5 program Sehome: Building with a Birth – 5 program located in the heart of the building Options: 5 infants, 7 toddlers, 15 preschoolers Preschool will be used as a lab-class for ECE classes.



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<p>3:15 Brainstorm Groups</p>	<p>From the last meeting we developed buckets of work. Rejoin the group you identified with most closely</p> <p><u>Beyond GRADS:</u> Data base Demographics information Quality of experience; challenges what worked Higher Ed for both teen and children Resources Employment Readiness</p> <p><u>Program Development:</u> Functional Skills, 21st Century skills Consumer Math Child Psych, Early parenting, relationship building, effective communications skills Children are identified for any special needs and that they are address Self-advocacy</p> <p><u>Outreach:</u> Guest speakers from community Food bank Library Activities during school breaks Invite a friend WIC</p> <p><u>Health and Wellness</u> Typical development of teens and children</p>
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Reports: Childcare	SHS: Childcare is full. This site received a rating of 3 from Early Achievers. SqHS: They have swapped the infant and toddler room arrangements to allow for additional infants.
Financial	\$13577.61 Scholarship Fund –Board approval needed (total includes 4 pending scholarships) \$1946.54 Friend Raising – Board approval needed \$577.41 Lois Wahl – no prior approval necessary \$0.00 Diaper fund – no prior approval necessary \$91.81 Checking
Announcements	Staff is working on arrangements for an Open House at each child care site. Darcie will take a list of needs to the Co-op families to collect items for the newborn gift baskets. We currently need to make five baskets.
Meeting Schedule	November 29, January 24, March 28, May 23 2:30-4:00pm Location: TBD