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GRADS Advisory Group Meeting

January 23, 2018

Present: Kristi Dominguez, Jeff McKenna, Stephanie Schroeder, Meghan Dunham, Michelle Anderson, Erin Burke, Geraldine, Coleman, Wendy Courtemanche, Meagan Dawson, Janel Erchinger-Davis, Crystal Garcia, Maureen Hodge, Jolyn Hunt, Tiffany Knudsen, Vicki Lee, Meghan Lever, Jennifer Lindbeck, Kari Miller, Erika Moore, Sophia Morales, Darci Peterson, Gretchen Pflueger, Erin Schuldt, Michael Sidwell, Erin Shaffer, Peggy Stephens, Nicole Talley, Marcie Thran, Steve Wiley, Michelle Wilhelm, Debbie Haney

Members Excused/Absent: Sonia Bell, Kristin Cleary

Minutes: Kris Newberry

Agenda Items	Discussion/Decisions
3:30 Welcome Kristi Dominguez	Welcome. Sehome site is on track.
Child Care Reports	Sehome: 3 staff babies, 3 toddlers, Squalicum 3 babies, 4 toddlers
Safe Sleep Lessons & Sleep Training	Toddler beds and pack and plays have been purchased. Safe Sleep curriculum will be the focus in the GRADS classroom curriculum.
Enlace Grant	From OSPI to access speakers and resources addressing mental health counseling and community outreach programs. \$5500 per site.



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Classroom Reports & Community Visitor's Access	Jr Achievement. Legal resources, NW Justice project, Paternity issues. Eye clinic. We are looking for services who can come to the sites so the students do not have to leave the school.
Common Obstacles for Teen Parents	Attendance, transportation, follow-through, credit deficiency, finances, accessing resources, feeling marginalized, housing, unhealthy relationships, family support.
Celebrations	Scholarships, Sports, Prom, Graduates Scholarships: Covers tuition, books, The question was could they use scholarship dollars be used for a computer. The board felt it was in line with the intent of the scholarship.
School Library	Kristin Cleary is interested in working on the library. Kurt Gazow
Adopting a teen Parent	Stephanie sees a real need in partnering the board with a parent/baby. The parents need the connection with other adults. Similar to a Big Brother/Big Sister. The Board can contact Kris Newberry if they are interested.
Financial	\$12245.63 Scholarship Fund –Board approval needed \$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	Action Items: Newborn baskets: Looking for donations for the newborn gift baskets. Department of Children, Youth and Families is replacing DEL/and some of OSPI .



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	Another issue is DSHS laws changing regarding qualifying for housing. We will send out information for members to contact their legislators.
Meeting Schedule	