



Meeting Objective: Develop plan for outreach to Boone County School districts.

Results Statement: All children in Boone County learn to read and write and see themselves as readers and writers.

Attendees: Al Plummer (Facilitator/Minority Men’s Network), Adielle Ehret (FACE of Boone County), Phil Peters (Grade A Plus), Lara Wakefield (Smarter Steps), Kelly Scheuerman (City of Columbia/Boone County Public Health and Human Services - Brighter Beginnings), Sarah Howard (Daniel Boone Regional Library), Katie Bowes (Burrell Behavioral Health), Gay Litteken (First Chance For Children), Bradd Anderson (ParentLink), Cindy Reese (Boone County Early Childhood Coalition), Catherine Miller (Boone County Early Childhood Coalition), Gina Jenkins (Boone County Community Services Department (BCCSD)), Verna Laboy (BCCSD), Lenna Peterson (BCCSD)

1. Welcome and Introductions: Al Plummer opened the meeting with introductions. He shared that Lenna Peterson is leaving BCCSD & this was her last meeting. Lenna shared thanks and appreciation for the experience of working together.

2. Discuss Status of Outreach to Boone County School Districts

a. Status update on contact with Boone County superintendents – Verna shared that she was able to meet with Boone County Superintendents after meeting with Sara Owens, Director of School Based Services for FACE. Verna introduced the Upward Mobility Early Grade Literacy Workgroup to the Boone County Superintendents and asked for the opportunity to meet one on one to discuss their greatest challenges and what they would like to celebrate. They were open to meeting with Verna.

Lara Wakefield shared additional information for the workgroup in a document that will be emailed with the March meeting minutes.

b. Outreach planning – Al Plummer opened the group discussion requesting from the workgroup; what, exactly, is the information we want from the Superintendents?

i. Draft questions for superintendents

The group came up with a detailed list of questions including some addressing federal and state funding for current student supports i.e., after school tutoring programs funded by ARPA funds. What will happen to those supports after funding is exhausted?

ii. Draft questions for school staff





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The group determined this can only be addressed after we get the information and questions answered from the district Superintendents. They will direct Verna to designated staff.

iii. Who's doing what?

This will be discussed further by the workgroup after we receive the information from the district Superintendents.

3. Closing

a. Comments and questions

- Shared Housing Study survey flyers and open community forums
- Boone County Community Services Fund (BCCSF) will open RFP Spring 2024. Great opportunity for nonprofits to address the gaps.
- There is potential, in the future, for a marketing/education campaign for the community in support of our children's education.
- Would be great to have student testimonials that impact data of iReady scores/growth, student impact of tutoring programs.
- Some sources of funding, i.e., AmeriCorps, districts not accessing, maybe nonprofits could pursue to fill educational support gaps.

b. Partner updates

There were no partner updates.

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89198359283>

Next Workgroup Meeting: April 10, 2024, at 2:30PM at CMCA (807 N. Providence Rd)



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