



AFTERSCHOOL COALITION OF INDIANAPOLIS MEETING MINUTES

June 9, 2009
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Indy Parks

Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Sara Beanblossom (VSA Arts), Kim Black (Girl Scouts), Jim Boyd (Indianapolis Urban League), Julia Conner-Fox (St. Vincent Hospital), Janice Hicks-Slaughter (Marian College), Jean Casimir-Hill (East 10th St Church), Maureen Grey (AYS), Stephanie Haines (Young Audiences), David Klinkose (ACI & Indiana Afterschool Network), Sharon Lents (Junior Achievement), Susan Myers (NCAA), James Officer (U Phoenix), Joenne Pope (Indy Parks), Sarah Reynolds (YMCA), Vickie Somerville (NCAA), Larcia Warthaw (U. Phoenix), Debbie Zipes (ACI & Indiana Afterschool Network)

Welcome & Introductions: David Klinkose opened the meeting with welcoming remarks. Everyone in attendance introduced themselves.

NCAA: Vickie Somerville and Susan Myers - Stay in Bounds is a program that promotes good citizenship, character development, teamwork, and other attributes of being a champion. Students can tour the NCAA Hall of Champions (90 minutes) and experience various interactive activities focusing on respect, integrity, caring, and more. The target age is 3rd – 8th grade. Free 45-minute road shows are also available.

ACI Media Committee: Sara Beanblossom
The committee is exploring the idea of a Legislative Day and is continuing to plan for the next Lights On event in October. New committee members are needed, contact Sara at sbeanblossom@vsai.org.

Updates on Using Stimulus, Title I, IDEA Funds for Afterschool and Summer:
Debbie Zipes – Indiana Afterschool Network (IAN) has been working with the Department of Education to provide information to all Title I and IDEA (Special Education) Directors about ways to use stimulus and education funds for afterschool and summer programs. Communication materials were distributed by DOE to all their directors in each school statewide. This information can be located on IAN website: www.indianaafterschool.org. Click on Stimulus Button on home page.

A major concern for Title I & IDEA Directors is sustainability and the “funding cliff” associated with using one-time stimulus funds for new programs. Providers must be able to address this concern when approaching school directors for collaborative funding. IAN has posted documents with talking points for afterschool providers on its stimulus web page. See above.



Jim Boyd suggested that an abbreviated document for parents would also be helpful. Julia Conner-Fox suggested we approach Title I Directors as a team. Debbie mentioned that IPS is in dire straits and providers should keep that in mind when approaching IPS. Jim Boyd said it might be helpful to look at ways to ease transportation costs. Debbie suggested that people contact Eric Williams at United Way of Central Indiana. He and the IPS Transportation Director are developing a transportation plan. Debbie will plan to have transportation representatives at a future ACI meeting.

Indiana Afterschool Standards Draft: Debbie Zipes

Debbie distributed a final draft and asked members to review it and provide comments. The National Afterschool Association standards are used as the primary framework, along with additions from the Council on Accreditation and Indiana school age child care regulations. One major purpose of the standards is to promote quality and get all afterschool providers on the same page. ACI will send the draft standards across the state for feedback by July 10. If anyone is interested in meeting with the Afterschool Standards Taskforce, let Debbie Zipes know (317.920.0181 or dzipes@indianaafterschool.org).

2009 ACI Action Plan: David Klinkose and Debbie Zipes

The group identified critical issues to address for the next 6 months of 2009:

1. Increase visibility and promotion of afterschool and summer programs
 - a. Create more visibility about value of programs among parents, schools, communities, leaders
 - b. Get schools to promote the work of their community partners
 - c. Collaborate with other providers statewide to learn what they're doing to promote afterschool
 - d. Gather research - % of parents who support afterschool and summer programs (Afterschool Alliance has this), % of HS and college graduates who were afterschool participants, etc.
2. Advocate with legislators to influence public policy and generate financial support
 - a. Legislative Day or other event
 - b. Marketing materials
 - c. Meetings
3. Convene providers to collectively write grants and leverage resources
 - a. Write grants together
 - b. Approach schools (i.e. Title 1 directors) together
 - c. Approach businesses together (see below)
4. Develop partnerships with business and different stakeholder groups
 - a. Build a resource of local pro-afterschool businesses that might want to donate resources.
 - b. Approach businesses collectively to get discounts on afterschool materials



5. Provide information on best practice ideas
 - a. Compile information on how-to tool kits, best practices, and other resources, especially for newer programs
 - b. Have presentations from programs with proven success
 - c. Compile a list of training opportunities
 - d. Provide training on using standards
 - e. Provide information on how to get volunteers and train them
 - f. Meet with people from other regions in Indiana; statewide forum to share ideas and resources – once a year

6. Develop ideas to address transportation challenges
 - a. Compile a list of approved transportation companies for students
 - b. Invite staff from IPS transportation department to speak to ACI about strategies for using IPS buses to transport to afterschool programs
 - c. Discuss sharing bus resources with other afterschool/summer providers

7. High School Focus
 - Promote ways to make afterschool effective for high school students
 - Address ways to promote student graduation and success and prevent drop-out

Next Steps: create new and expand existing committees to address the above issues.

Announcements:

1. University of Phoenix: Larcia Warthaw – Business Symposium Series featuring faculty members who work in the fields they teach. The breakfast meetings are 8 – 9:30 a.m. on 5/27, 6/24, 7/29, 8/26, 9/30, and 10/28. RSVP at 317.558.3982. University of Phoenix also offered meeting room space for a future ACI meeting.

2. Young Audiences – Free JazzIN performances for schools for a limited time. Contact 317.925.4043 or scheduling@yaindy.org.

3. Junior Achievement – JABizCamp – some scholarships are available for this educational business camp that explores entrepreneurship, financial literacy, philanthropy, and work skills for 9 – 14 year olds. Contact 317.252.5900 or rkelsey@jaindy.org.

4. Mentors for Young Inventors: Starting in the fall, the program will place young engineers and engineering students together in afterschool programs once a week. Working with a group of students age 10-11, the mentors will use a curriculum that inspires youth to explore invention. Contact Liza Silverman at 617.300.3642 or liza_silverman@wgbh.org.



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5. Marian University EcoLab Field Trips: Nature-related field trip opportunities at the 55-acre outdoor environmental education laboratory on the campus of Marian University; service projects can also be included. Contact Shannon Unger at 317.524.7700 or sbigham-unger@marian.edu.
6. MCCOY is coordinating a Student Success Summit to address drop-out prevention on August 10, 2009. <http://www.mccoyouth.org>

Next ACI Meeting: July 14, 10:30 am – 12:00 pm at United Way of Central Indiana.
3901 N. Meridian St.