



## Region 2 Early Childhood Committee

(RECC)

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Lewiston, ID. 83501

November 20, 2019 – 11:30 am to 12:30 pm



Regional Early Childhood Committee

### Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Leah Hill, Colleen Olive, Darcy Kincaid, Bonnie Waldemarson, Leslie Sattler

Task/Topic	Discussion	Action/Follow-up
Welcome		
Review of minutes from the last RECC meeting	Meeting minutes for October 16, 2019 were reviewed and approved. Bonnie made motion to approve and Darcy 2 <sup>nd</sup> the motion. And all members approved.	Minutes were Approved!
Pumpkin Palooza Update:	Bonnie and Leah ran the resource table at the event. They had a great time, though it was cold and windy so couldn't do the foam frame activity. We are thinking that for next year to do a motor type activity or something that will not blow away. We learned that we might want to think about sponsorship and find out what is the fee. It appeared that those agencies/businesses that were sponsors were provided activities and bags of candy to hand out as part of the sponsorship fee. Also, another thing we learned is that everyone was dressed up for Halloween and were there to Trick or Treat. We didn't give out candy but we did give away books and Dental Hygiene kits that had a child toothbrush, tooth paste and a cute little timer. All the families were excited about the books and dental hygiene kits.	

Continued brainstorming for Spring Events	<p>Darcy is needing to reconnect with Schweitzer Engineering on the STEM event/collaboration with them April 21, 2020. Also, just an interesting note that instead of calling it STEM most everyone is now calling it Steam!!! Also, the Dean at LCSC for the Tech dept. is on board with a community STEM (STEAM) event at the new Tech building in April/Spring 2020.</p> <p>Some other thoughts: Mind in the Making might be a workshop that we could collaborate for Child Care Providers. Also, there are several other Quad City events throughout the year for families.</p> <p>We will plan for the Walk and Roll with Families Together and also Idaho Stars – Family Fun Day – collaboration with the City Library.</p>	
New Business: Budget	<p>What to purchase: Discussion around having a focus on STEM Themed books to purchase this year to hand out at events.</p>	Colleen will provide the committee with a list of STEM themed children's books for the committee to look over at the February 2020 meeting.
Leslie Sattler - Head Start	They are plugging away, nothing new for Head Start.	
Bonnie Waldemarson - NCDHD – Child Care Facility Inspections	<p>The City of Lewiston is now having child care facility inspection – this is new so Bonnie is busy with doing inspections with several of the facilities in the City of Lewiston. There is also a new checklist called: Choosing safe places – It is a check list for individuals that are looking at a building that would be used as a child care facility. It helps look at if the building would be safe for a child care. They are looking at offering this checklist as an optional form to use for now. In the future it could end up being a mandatory form that must be completed. So far the child cares in City of Lewiston have been really open about the inspections, these are all ones that are ICCP. Next year the inspections will be unannounced.</p>	
Colleen Olive -City of Lewiston Library	Colleen is working with Idaho Stars on Idaho Child Care Reads. This is for child care facilities training. They will receive a literacy kit for their day care. Lewiston City Library Activities for December see Event Calendar included.	

Leah Hill – Infant Toddler Program	We continue to be busy with referrals for evaluation and services for children Birth to 3.	
Darcy Kincaid - LCSC Early Childhood Development	They have some great students that started this fall. Finals coming up soon. Idaho the Pre-school way grant is due today. They found out that to receive the grant that there must be a 1 to 1 match. So, for now they have elected not to do the implementation grant. They are going to continue with their work with Kinder College around the Steps to Quality so they will be supporting them with that program.	
Closing and date of next meeting	No meetings in December or January! Next meeting will be February 19 <sup>th</sup> from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm	

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