

**Parent Advisory Committee**  
**January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008; 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm**  
**Kandiyohi County Area Family YMCA; Willmar, MN**

Present: Becky Romosz, Kandiyohi County parent  
Char Erickson, PACT 4 Wraparound Coord.  
Deb Padilla, Kandiyohi County parent  
Debbie Gerrety, Renville County parent  
Dwight Barrick, Meeker County parent  
Gayle Dean, Kandiyohi County parent  
Jaleenah Toren, Renville County parent  
Julie Slaughter, Renville County parent  
Karyl Mooney, Renville County parent  
Kathy Willing, Renville County parent

Kelly Roschild, Kandiyohi County parent  
Laurie Bliss, Yellow Medicine County parent  
Linda Hocum, Kandiyohi County parent  
Linda Nelson, Kandiyohi County parent  
Ray Whitaker, Yellow Medicine County parent  
Rosa Eddy, Kandiyohi County parent  
Sherry Kenney, Renville County parent  
Stephanie Markgraf, Renville County parent  
Suzanne Wordes, Kandiyohi County parent  
Tamie Whitaker, Yellow Medicine County parent

**1. Introductions**

**2. Approval of Minutes & Agenda**

Suzanne Wordes made a motion to approve December's minutes. Karyl Mooney seconded, motion carried. Laurie Bliss made a motion to approve the agenda. Kelly Roschild seconded, motion carried.

**3. Updates – Char Erickson**

\*Char updated us on the new wording for the stipend policy. We also re-signed a new sign in sheet for last month as it was misplaced.

\*The Wraparound DVD has started production. Kenny and the team met this morning for the beginning to do voiceovers.

\*Char invited all of us to attend the Full Collaborative meeting which will be held in Olivia at Max's Grill on February 13, 2008 from noon until 2 pm. RSVP if you will be attending so that enough lunch can be ordered.

**4. Brochure/Flyer**

Corrections are being made and the mission statement will be added. Kelly Roschild is assisting with this.

**5. Parent Retreat**

\*The donation letter was approved and passed out to each parent to show patrons whom we ask for donations.

\*Still looking for suggestions for breakouts and guests. More information will be available after we break into committees.

\*Budget: \$2000

**6. Training**

\*A handout from Charlie Appelstein, who was the keynote speaker at the Brain Conference last year, was distributed.

\*PCA MN-Circle of Parents is starting in Renville County and also maybe at the Shelter House.

\*Brain Injury Association of MN is a great education service and a good learning opportunity

**7. List of Parents**

A form was sent around the committee for each parent to write down their talents so that they can be utilized in the future. Each parent will also be given a list of contact information so that we can utilize each other in case of crisis.

**8. Fundraising**

Laurie Bliss updated the committee on the results from the last fundraiser. Four hundred and eighty (\$480) was made. Karyl Mooney will be keeping a folder with all of the papers pertaining to our fundraising projects.

**9. Breakout groups: Fundraising; Parent Retreat**

Fundraising: Becky Romosz is gathering information on the Schwan's fundraiser. The Rummage Sale is still in the planning stages. We are contacting the Willmar Tribune to find out which dates it will be held at the Civic Center. Laurie Bliss is also checking on the VFW fundraiser in Canby and Julie Slaughter will check on the Pizza Ranch in Olivia.

Parent Retreat: Decorations are being planned. Kenny Turck will be contacted for Open Mike. Other possibilities for breakout sessions include: a psychiatrist, scrapbooking, massage therapists, aroma therapy, and facials.

**10. Other**

Kudos were given to Laurie Bliss for her article being printed in the NAMI Beginnings quarterly printed publication.

Next meeting: February 11th, 6:00 pm at the YMCA in Willmar.

*Recorder: Julie Slaughter*