

**Parent Advisory Committee**  
**September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2007; 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm**  
**Kandiyohi County Area Family YMCA; Willmar, MN**

Present: Gayle Dean, Kandiyohi County parent  
Laurie Bliss, Yellow Medicine County parent  
Debbie Gerrety, PRIDE-4 (PACT 4) Liaison  
Tamie Whitaker, Yellow Medicine County parent  
Cora Munsinger, Kandiyohi County parent  
Dawna Schmitz, Meeker County parent  
Karyl Mooney, Renville County parent  
Liz Wittenberg, Renville County  
Kathy Wernisch, Kandiyohi County parent  
Becky Romosz, Kandiyohi County parent  
Lee Winkelman, Kandiyohi County parent  
Deb Padilla, Kandiyohi County parent

Julie Slaughter, Renville County parent  
Virginia Sullivan, Renville County parent  
Linda Nelson, Kandiyohi County parent  
Ray Whitaker, Yellow Medicine County parent  
Char Erickson, PACT 4 Wraparound Coordinator  
Polly Ann Peters, Woodland's Family Liaison  
Kim Landers, Renville County parent  
Suzanne Wordes, Kandiyohi County parent  
Kathie Fransen, Woodland's Family Liaison  
Rosa Eddy, Kandiyohi County parent  
Jennifer Winkelman, Kandiyohi County parent

**1. Introductions**

**2. Approval of Minutes & Agenda**

Laurie Bliss offered a motion to approve the minutes from the August meeting. Karyl Mooney offered a second. Motion carried.

**3. PACT 4 Updates**

**a. Char Erickson – PACT 4 Contact Person**

Debbie Gerrety will be moving on as the PRIDE-4 grant is done on Friday.

**b. Committee Restructuring**

Char distributed handouts of the committees restructure at PACT 4. More information will be given at the September Full Collaborative meeting.

**c. Change Date for November Meeting**

Since the second Monday in November is the Veteran's Day holiday, the meeting will be moved to November 19<sup>th</sup>. Char will confirm with the YMCA.

**d. 21<sup>st</sup> Century Grant**

There are eight school districts involved in this learning grant, involving before/after and summer school programming.

**4. Updates / Information from Debbie**

**a. MPLS 2007 Annual Summit**

Debbie Gerrety handed out applications and information on this summit to be held October 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. Carolyn Nava and Julia Dinsmore will be two of the speakers.

**b. IDEA – Understanding the Education Process**

PACER will be holding this training on September 19<sup>th</sup> from 6-9 pm at the Kandiyohi County Health & Human Services Building. PACER is taking registrations.

**c. Responding to the Needs of the Returning Military**

A training will be held in St. Cloud on September 27<sup>th</sup>, from 2-4pm at the American Heritage Bank.

**d. Greater MN Family Services Annual Training – Rebuilding the Broken Bond**

Will be held on October 18<sup>th</sup> in Redwood Falls, from 9-4pm.

**e. My Space Workshop**

Will be held on October 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 at the First Covenant church in Willmar. It's for parents and professionals. It will have a teen track at 8:00pm – location to be determined.

**f. Julia Dinsmore Update**

Julia, who was at last year's parent retreat open mike segment with Kenny Turck, has a CD available, called "Give Us Your Poor". Danny Glover reads two of Julia's poems. She also has written a book called "My Name is Not Those People".

**5. Other**

Becky Romosz is on two sub-committees at the state level, and asked us to give her our needs to bring back to the committees.

Virginia Sullivan brought information on education rights for students with hidden disabilities – the MN Disabilities Act, Section 503.

**6. Committees**

Different committees were discussed. A fundraising committee has begun.

The parent retreat and mission sub-committees will meet next month, after the Parent Advisory meeting.

Next meeting: October 8<sup>th</sup> at the Kandiyohi County Area Family YMCA.

Recorder: Julie Slaughter