

Kinderhaven Parent Board Meeting 11/20/14

Attendance

Present: Sarah Lockhart, Suzanne Sands, Emily O'Brien, Lisa Lersch, Jane Duncan, Molly O'Neil, Nicole Phelan, Sarah Steiner, Annie Lenzke, Chris Bjork, Lizzy Jaworski, Penny Robbins

Absent: Julie Sommers, Katie McCarney, and Eva Minnig

Fall & Winter Updates – Sarah

- Thank you to all for everything we've done this fall. Also a special thanks to Penny and Kelly for the fun crafts night for the board.
- Purple Parents Event – This year Nicole is hosting a Cookie Exchange/Coffee for the Purple parents on December 4th. Invitations went out via Paperless Post and Jane is going to follow up with paper copies in mailboxes.
- Kindershop – This committee is planning a collection drive in February rather than competing with the busy holiday season.
- Giving Tree – This committee is working hard but is in need of a home for the event. If you know anyone who might be willing to host encourage them to reach out to Sarah.
- Molly is working on the organic food grant/donation, the logistics of which have proven to be somewhat complex.
- Friends of Lake Forest Parks and Recreation – Eva reported to Sarah that the Friends recently donated \$100,000 to the Parks and Rec Department. No details on how that funding will be utilized.

October Meeting Notes – Suzanne

- No changes or questions.

Treasurer's Report – Emily

- Bills are paid.
- All funds for depositing and check requests should go through Emily. She will work with the Friends treasurer as needed to make sure everything is going to and coming from the proper accounts.
- The Recreations Center agreed to pay for the School Directories this year, we are waiting on the check from them.

Director's Update--Penny

- Penny will be offering a **parenting workshop about Using Technology on January 21st from 1-2 pm** just prior to our Open House for Prospective Families. This workshop is open to anyone in our school community or the community at large.
- Teachers have all begun their research projects for the year.
- Some changes to Take Two may be in the works for next year. It may become the Green Class and may be offered M-TH.
- There was a brief discussion of additional Friday morning offerings as well as lunch bunch offerings. A question about these ideas will be added to our upcoming parent survey.
- The teachers will again be visiting the Preschool of the Arts in Madison Wisconsin for a tour. They have agreed to give our staff this opportunity free of charge in exchange for Penny doing some staff development for them. Learn more about this amazing school at <http://preschoolofthearts.com>.

Fall PR & Recruiting - Molly

- Molly shared the new sandwich board. There was a brief discussion about how, where and when it will be used.
- Publicity for the January Open House and Enrollment will begin soon. Cathy, in the office, will handle most of the community PR. We will send an email to current families in the first week of January and post information on our website this month.
- 7 families attended the Fall Drop-In and Penny has contact information for following up for 6 of the families.

Survey & Fundraising Updates – Lisa

- The Dailey Method Cycle Class raised \$160 and was enjoyed by those in attendance.
- Alixandra Collections Shopping Night raised \$370 (all time high for this event).
- December (Thurs, 12/11, 5:00p-7:00p) - UB Nails: Mimosas & Manicures Invites and RSVP envelopes will be distributed after Thanksgiving.
- The upcoming parent survey was briefly discussed (see above) and will be sent out soon. Input should be directed to Lisa.

Social Events - Jane

- Parent Paddle Party Details – It will be on Saturday, January 24th. There will be a suggested donation for those who attend the event to cover the cost. Invites with all of the details will be sent. Paddles will be available so all experience levels (even if you've never played) will be welcome and the format of the evening will give everyone a chance to play and socialize.

Upcoming Important Dates MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Class Holiday Programs:

Purple – December 18th at 10:15 AM @ CROYA

Red – December 18th at 2:15 PM @ CROYA

Blue – December 19th at 10:30 AM @ CROYA



Manicures & Mimosas Thursday, December 11th, 5-7 PM @ UB Nails

Open House Saturday, January 10th

Paddle Party Saturday, January 24th

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, January 15th at 9:30 AM @ CROYA

Thank you for reading to the end of the Parent Board Notes!