

Kinderhaven Parent Board Meeting 2/19/15

Attendance

Present: Sarah Lockhart, Suzanne Sands, Emily O'Brien, Lisa Lersch, Jane Duncan, Molly O'Neil, Eva Minnig, Nicole Phelan, Annie Lenzke, Katie McCarney, Penny Robbins, Joe Mobile and Lizzy Jaworski

Absent: Julie Sommers, Sarah Steiner & Chris Bjork

Winter Updates – Sarah

- Please REMEMBER to keep your position logs up to date especially if you plan to leave the board or hope to switch positions next year.
- Purple Parent Night – About half of the parents from the Purple Class attended this fun event at the Davie's home.
- LFDA Dance Benefit Ad – We are again purchasing a full-page ad in the dance program for \$100.
- New Parent Coffee – Molly will host this event again this year, Friday, April 10th 9:30-11 AM.

January Meeting Notes – Suzanne

- No changes or questions.

Director's Update— Penny

- **STAFF DEVELOPMENT** On Friday, February 13th the teachers visited Preschool of the Arts in Madison, WI for professional development. This was offered to our staff at a very discounted rate in exchange for Penny going back to do some training with their staff and their staff coming to visit Kinderhaven this Spring. They have a new director. Our teachers were at the school from 9 AM – 3 PM and Penny went back afterward to spend more time with the director. They were able to observe in the classrooms (school was in session), having Q & A time with the teachers over lunch and visit their art studio. Everyone came away with lots of ideas for project development, use of space and documentation. Penny continues to look for other opportunities for these types of exchanges of ideas with other regional Reggio schools.
- **ENROLLMENT & WAIT LISTS** Options are still being explored as far as how to accommodate the families on the wait lists.
- **TAKE TWO** They are also still looking at the possibility that we will do Take Two Monday-Thursday next year.
- **DEERPATH ART LEAGUE (Detailed information from an email sent to all families.)** *Kinderhaven has been invited to participate in the "Emerging Artist" art show in conjunction with the Deer Path Art League. We are the only preschool participating, so we feel very honored to be considered. The rest of the show is made up of the elementary schools throughout Lake Forest. Each school was asked to enter 10 pieces of work that best represents the present projects of the school as well as quality art that the art league would like to see. Ten pieces from three different projects have been chosen based on the artistic elements that are represented in them and in order to show the depth of our class work. The art show begins on March 6th and runs through April 3rd. It is our sincerest hope that our entire school will have the opportunity to visit the exhibit and support the honor of our inclusion in the show. This year our Emerging Artist participants are: Natalie O'Brien, William Basedow, Logan Niemeier, Darby Anderson, Erik Hense, Taylor Davie, Tommy Lockhart, Freddy Johnson, Emma Sands, and Miller Duncan. Please stop by the 2nd floor of Gorton Center to celebrate all of our great artists in the elementary schools as well as Kinderhaven!*

Treasurer's Report – Emily

- We are on budget at this point. All outstanding bills have been paid.
- Please do not hesitate to turn in receipts as Giving Tree expenses are incurred so we can stay ahead of it.
- All funds for depositing and check requests should continue to go through Emily.

Kindershop - Lizzy

- A Collection Event/Play Date for families on Friday, March 6th at 11:30 AM in the GYM is in the works. More to come.
- The chairs are constantly in the process emptying the lobby and taking items donated to the storage unit.
- Boy Scouts are going to help with the loading and unloading of the truck on Friday, May 15. Suggested that reaching out to DPM 8th graders may also be another place to get volunteers as they need service hours.
- Pick up for after the event is in the works.

Giving Tree – Sarah & Annie

- Elawa is secured for the event, paid for and alcohol permits have been obtained.
- The event will be casual in fitting with the setting
- Food will be farm to table inspired.
- Décor is in the works to fit the space.
- Auction Etc. There will be a gift card board, Heads & Tails wine game and fun auction items including art pieces from each class and one whole school project.

Friends of LF Parks and Rec – Eva

- Golf Classic is June 5th and registration for that event is open.
- They are in the process of updating their website to make it more mobile friendly.
- Fireworks Festival is in the works and entertainment is in the initial phases. They are looking for input on how to improve the kids' area. Ticket prices will be raised by \$5.
- They approved an additional \$1500 for the Rec Center scholarship fund for children participating in rec center programming.
- They will be taking over the annual tree lighting ceremony in Market Square.
- They are considering adding a third event to their fundraising efforts, possibly an Octoberfest.

Spring FUNraiser – Lisa

- Pizza Night at Bake 425° will be Tuesday, March 10th from 2-8 PM. They will give us 15% of sales for those who mention Kinderhaven when ordering. More to come.

Upcoming Important Dates MARK YOUR CALENDAR

NEXT MEETING:



Thursday, March 19th at 9:30

AM @ CROYA

April 10th New Parent Coffee

April 25th Giving Tree Gathering

May 3rd Art Show

May 15th Kindershop Set Up

May 16th Kindershop

May 21st Old/New Board Meeting

May 28th Annual Parent Board Dinner

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