

Kinderhaven Parent Board Meeting

Thursday October 15th, 2015



Attendance

Present: Sarah Lockhart, Lisa Watters, Emily O'Brien, Lisa Lersch, Molly O'Neil, Eva Minnig, Chris Bjork, Annie Lenzke, Julie Haas, Katie McCarney, Jessica Niemeier, Daphne Johnson, Penny Robbins

Absent: Nicole Phelan, Joe Mobile, Diane Cooper

Chair Updates – Sarah

- Grants that were approved at the last meeting have been actioned and the items are already in use in the classroom. The teachers have their Visa Prepaid Cards.
- Mom's Night Out tonight at The Watters Home. This is also a fundraiser, 100% of the commission from the sales of Thirty-One Gift items will be donated as well as free items for the classroom.
- Pizza night at Bake 425 was successful; we raised \$141 and will be working with them again for another night.
- Katie McCarney is hosting the Purple Parent Night on October 23rd.
- Car Magnets are being distributed to new families with the Directory. If there are existing families that need a new one just ask Penny.
- Thank you to everyone who has helped to support Mrs. Vice. She has been very grateful for the support. If anyone has anything that they would like to contribute to the silent auction on November 14th please contact Lauren Dunkelman.
- Suzanne's Corner – we are working on a date to get her into the school to read to the Red Class and have a presentation.
- Thanks to all the Board Members and committees, everyone is working hard and as a board we are off to a great start. The Giving Tree and Kindershop committees have been meeting already and planning is underway for these events in 2016.

September Meeting Notes – Lisa W.

- Meeting minutes from September 17th were approved.

Communications Report – Lisa W.

- We have established a Shutterfly Site for the Parent Board. All families will be invited to join this site, it is password protected like our classroom sites. We will post information about our meetings and events, there is some duplication with our website but it will be helpful for families who like to receive all the information in one place since they are already accessing their child's classroom sites.

- We have established a public Facebook page for the Parent Board. The Parent Board does not fall under the City of Lake Forest's social media policies. We will use this page to help promote to the community about our upcoming events and information about the school. Please like/share and interact with this page with your own personal Facebook accounts. The Facebook page can be found at: <https://www.facebook.com/KinderhavenParentBoard>

Director's Update - Penny

- Parenting Workshop – “Balanced Parent, Balanced Child” presented by Dr. Robbins on October 22nd in Croya. Sign-up is in the entryway. This presentation is open to the public so please also invite friends not involved with Kinderhaven.
- Shutterfly sites are working well. We haven't received a lot of feedback from parents and no negative feedback. Board members agreed the sites have been very helpful.
- Penny has had a few families call in the last month that didn't know that Kinderhaven even existed. Can we think of other ways that we can be more visible? Molly will investigate the costs for paid advertisements; our new Facebook page should also be helpful.
- Teachers Research project – teachers will be turning in the first part of their projects next week. All the teachers will be taking/updating their CPR training this week.

Treasurer's Report - Emily

- No updates.

Family Directory Update – Lisa L.

- Directory is complete, will be placed in the cubbies by Monday. We have 57 families total. The directory package includes a flyer for the Fall Drop-In and a magnet for new families.

Kindershop Update – Jessica & Katie

- Historical update from Sarah - the original chairs of Kindershop paid for a lot of the expenses associated with the event, including the storage unit that was great but may be unrealistic going forward for the entire year. We have put the storage unit on hold for now, we have found a smaller space for less money that may be more feasible, we are still researching. We have a great opportunity this year to work out what is feasible so that future chairs of the event will be able to replicate the event without using too much of their own resources.
- Katie has offered to take the items during the Fall in her basement and then look at renting a storage unit from January. The plan is to solicit internally within Kinderhaven until Christmas and then solicit from the whole community in the New Year.
- We can give tax-deductible donation forms if requested.

Fall PR Reminder (Drop-In) – Molly

- Email all families on November 3rd and a reminder on November 12th, (Lisa W. will send emails). Also share the Facebook posts with your friends and Lisa W. will also post on the MOLF's Facebook page. Please like and share posts to increase their visibility to the community.

Nutrition Update - Chris

- The committee will be starting the Nutrition Projects next week in the classes. Each time they introduce a project to the classes they will also be sending home activities with the kids so that the lessons can continue in the home.

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

Dr. Robbins Parent Series

Thursday October 22nd

Fall Drop-In

Friday November 13th

Next Board Meeting

Thursday November 19th