

Kinderhaven Parent Board Meeting

Thursday January 14th, 2016



Attendance

Present: Sarah Lockhart, Lisa Watters, Emily O'Brien, Lisa Lersch, Molly O'Neil, Eva Minnig, Chris Bjork, Annie Lenzke, Julie Haas, Penny Robbins, Nicole Phelan, Daphne Johnson, Diane Cooper

Absent: Joe Mobile, Katie McCarney, Jessica Niemeier

Chair Updates – Sarah

- Red Class Compassion Project – Over 100 items were collected. The Red Class has now made tags, which will be pinned to the items, and then they will be ready for distribution. The Red Class will be distributing some of the items as a class, however, we are also seeking help from our Parent Board families too. Please let Penny know if you can help out, she can give you directions on good places to distribute, we would like to have the kids involved and if you can take pictures too that would be helpful.
- Cathy Japuntich – long time employee of LF Rec. Center, recently retired, she helped us a lot with our PR and printing. We gave her a \$50 gift card from the Chair funds to thank her for her all her help. The Rec. Center has not identified someone to replace her yet; Penny will let us know when that happens.
- Class Social Events for Parents – looking to do some more casual events for the classes, not hosted by the Parent Board. We are trying to reduce some of the events coming from the Parent Board, have more class driven casual events that will still give us an opportunity to promote our fundraisers, (more as fellow parents rather than as the Parent Board). Diane Cooper suggested a skating party at Lake Forest Academy on March 11th for the whole school including siblings, she will report back if this is a possibility.
- Grant Proposals & Voting:
 1. Conference at Bambini Creativi - teacher training conference in Kansas City. The grant is for 4 teachers to attend, total cost \$1,400. The conference is being held at Bambini Creativi, one of the premier Reggio schools in the country that also incorporates some Montessori philosophy. This is their 4th Annual conference, titled "Cultivating Citizenship, Community & Compassion". It will also be a great opportunity to learn from another school about how they do their documentation and communication. The grant was approved.
 2. Classroom Materials Grant - \$870.80. These are items that are not in our budget from the Rec. Center but are on the teacher's wish lists. Items include Magna-tile like blocks, Braille building blocks, Crazy Fort, Walkie Talkies for teacher communication, manipulative toys and some educational books for the teachers. The grant was approved.

November Meeting Notes – Lisa W.

- Meeting minutes from November 19th, 2015 were approved.

Kindershop – Diane

- Next Wednesday evening, January 20th there will be another committee meeting.
- A Playdate/Donation Drop-off event is being held at the Rec. Center on Friday January 22nd from 1-4pm. This is open to anyone in the community. Flyers have been posted at the school and also on Facebook.
- Saturday January 23rd the co-chairs have offered a donation pick-up service to anyone in the LF/LB area. Emails have been sent to all current and past families to invite them to schedule a pick-up.

Director's Update - Dr Robbins

- Teachers are proposing a one-day fun learning event for the kids during the summer. Possibly in conjunction with Shark Week for a fun theme. More details to come.
- July 4th Fireworks – Investigating the possibility of having some kind of Kinderhaven promotion at the event. Possibly a tent with a craft activity for kids. Eva is going to suggest it to the Friends to see if they would be interested.
- Dr Robbins attended an Active Shooter Training yesterday with the Rec. Center staff. The Rec. Center is currently formulating a plan for what to do in that situation; there is no formal policy in place at the moment. Dr Robbins will also develop a policy for Kinderhaven; any training/practices would only involve teachers, not students.
- Dr Robbins thanked all the families for their continued support of her brother and mother. Her brother is expected to leave the hospital in the next few weeks, however, her mother is now dealing with some medical issues. All the teachers have been very supportive and available if Dr Robbins has to be away.

Fundraising Update – Daphne

- We have something scheduled every month going forward.
- Dailey Method was held last night, 8 people attended.
- LF Bookstore has offered to give us our own Book Fair on the 4th & 5th February. LF Bookstore will be donating 10% of sales during the two day event and on the Thursday night they will open later for us. During this period member discounts will not be honored due to the donation to Kinderhaven.
- Another Bake 425 night is being scheduled after Spring Break in March.
- April is our Giving Tree event.
- In May we will have a UB Nails event around Mothers Day.

Treasurer Report - Emily

- Friends of LF Park & Rec. were audited by the state, and therefore our financials were also audited. We have received no feedback from the audit however we are financially robust.

Fall Survey & Social Chair Update – Lisa L.

- Paddle Party is set for Feb 20th. We have the liquor license and everything is reserved. A Paperless Post invite will be sent in a week, we will probably have some type of potluck for appetizers and drinks.
- Survey – received 27 responses out of 57. Overall positive feedback on the Board. People love the photos and information on Shutterfly. Volunteering experience has been positive and communications from Board have been positive.

PR & Recruiting Report – Molly

- January Open House had much lower attendance than the Fall, however, the weather was not great. We had four new families attend and another two families have also toured the preschool in the following week. Although we had better attendance in the Fall, it has been different every year so no changes to the schedule were proposed. The LF Community Sign Boards will be reserved for next year. Thank you to Sarah and Emily for helping out on the day.

Giving Tree Report – Annie & Julie

- Next committee meeting is Thursday 21st at 7pm at Wisma.
- We have already secured some great raffle prizes.
- This year we are trying to include grandparents in the event and supporting the school process. A Save-The-Date email was sent to all Kinderhaven families last week encouraging them to invite grandparents too.

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

Kindershop Playdate	Friday, January 22 nd , 2016
Kindershop Donation Pickup	Saturday, January 23 rd , 2016
LF Book Store Book Fair	Thu/Fri February 4 th /5 th , 2016
Next Board Meeting	Thursday, February 18th 2016
Paddle Party	Saturday, February 20 th 2016