

Kinderhaven Parent Board Meeting 10/17/13

Present: Sarah Lockhart, Suzanne Sands, Molly O'Neil, Penny Robbins, Chris Bjork, Julie Sommers, Lisa Lersch, Tanner VanDusen, Sarah Steiner, Emily O'Brien, Joe Mobile

Absent: Emily Houlihan, Amie Marks, Jenny Mulliken, Nicole Phelan

Chair's Update & New Grants – Sarah

- Thank you to everyone for keeping everything moving along so smoothly.
- Outdoor Grants are being purchased and installed.
- Purple Parent Night was awesome and super fun.
- Red Parent Night on November 8th and Blue Parent Night on December 5th will be potluck arranged by hosts and Social Committee Co-chairs.
- Please remember to be a positive voice for the school and help explain the reasoning behind things to parents when there are complaints that you might be able to address. Examples: Forms – They are required by DCFS. The files are audited every year often during surprise visits. Penny can't streamline them any further. Hand washing routine is also required by DCFS for health reasons and is imperative due to the number of life endangering allergies in our school population.
- GRANTS:
 - Music Purchase – Mrs. Struck has found some music with themes related to peace, justice and following dreams that the teachers would like for the classroom. \$104.65 **APPROVED**
 - Classroom Materials – This is a renewal of a grant we did last year. It provides Dr. Robbins with a prepaid \$500 Visa Card that can be used to make purchases of special materials needed for projects as they arise that are beyond the scope of the school budget. \$500 **APPROVED**
 - Keith Haring Pop Art Displays – Last year's Red Class created amazing Keith Haring inspired silhouettes. Half a dozen of them will be mounted on wood cut outs and finished so they can be hung outdoors and at various locations around town to be determined. \$270 **APPROVED**
- Suzanne reported that the designer hired to work with Penny and the teachers on a redesign to get better use out of our limited classroom space will be meeting with Penny on Wednesday to finalize a proposal for our next meeting. We discussed some financial parameters to help insure that the plans would be financially feasible for the board to support.

Treasurer's Report – Amie

- No Report

Social Committee Update - Jane

- Parent Paddle Night was abandoned due to the fact that each class will have it's own parent event.

Director's Update--Penny

- 10/25 the entire staff will be attending the training in Madison, WI.
- 40 Days of Kindness starts October 21st. Last year's Red Class has been invited to participate and many have already expressed an interest in doing so. Penny is hoping that Board

members will consider doing a Compassion Project and the teachers may do one at some point as well.

- Our teachers are an incredibly hardworking and dedicated team. They meet with Penny each month in teams to review team goals and individual research projects. Our preschool model requires teachers to be in a constant state of planning and responding to where the kids are going. It's very different than traditional preschool. It is also challenging and requires a lot of extra effort.
- The Red Class is working on some fantastic art projects and Kelly will be visiting the Blue and Purple Classes in the coming weeks to collaborate with those students and teachers in art.
- Friends of Lake Forest Parks and Recreation is looking for new board members and would love to have a Kinderhaven parent serving on their board in addition to our board's liaison.
- Kelly is working with the Lockhart family business and the Halperin family business to find homes for leftover packing materials and products. She is giving away some items, using some items, and selling some items for the benefit of Kinderhaven.
- Benny's World Bazaar is November 16th. They are still looking for kids interested in selling their craft items.

Directory & Fundraising – Lisa

- Directories are finished and will go home next week packaged with Parent Board brochures and the Kinderhaven Music CDs.
- Lisa will be working on finding ways to make the directory process easier for parents.
- Fundraising events planned include Pizza Night at HomeMade Pizza Co., Manicures & Martinis at UB Nails, and a Shopping Night at Alixandra Collections. Dates and details will be publicized through flyers, via email, on our website and in the Parent Board brochure.

PR Update – Molly

- It was suggested that Kinderhaven brochures be given to local realtors.
- An email will be sent to Kinderhaven families with Open House information asking them to pass it along to friends who may be interested.

Giving Tree Update – Tanner

- 1st Meeting was well attended and productive.
- They have chosen a theme.
- The Steiner's have graciously offered to host the event at their home.
- There will be a Wine Pull in place of the 50/50 raffle.
- There was discussion of possible art projects for auction.

Upcoming Important Dates MARK YOUR CALENDAR

10/23 Pizza Night Fundraiser – HomeMade Pizza Co.

11/14 Shopping Night at Alixandra Collections

11/15 Fall Drop-In at Kinderhaven

11/21 NEXT Parent Board Meeting at CROYA

