

Minutes for January 21st Meeting

Arrival

- Attendance: Katie, Truly (new member), Jessica I., Gina L., Gina M., Lori, Shelly, Ben, Nichole, Ashley, Meghan T. (new member), Terah, Heather, Matt
- Staff Attendance: Jenna
- Meeting called to order by: Katie
- Motion to accept the minutes by: Katie
- accepted the minutes: Lori

Program Update

- **Connections Preschool update:** Enrollment is backed up due to looking at space/location of classrooms and funds/budget. We are working on consistency on where the money comes from and requested a budget to pay 1 GE teacher & busing for each school in the district--granted. There will be a 2-3% increase in tuition for the half day and full day preschool program (approx. \$2-5/month)
- **ECFE Updates:** We had to cancel 2 classes due to low enrollment (a 2s on Friday and Toddlers on Wednesday morning) We are now offering an infants/toddlers playtime on Wednesday mornings in place of these classes for the winter session.
- Positive feedback on morning playtime vs. afternoon playtime and positive feedback on our handwashing procedures in the ECFE classrooms/ less spread of illness

Committee Reports:

- **Parents Night Out:** Donations are coming in--Ashley had 5 and Lori had 1. Keep sending out your requests for donations, the sooner the better. An email was sent out with a script and template if you need it. Let Ashley know if you would like her to follow up with any specific places that you have contacted and have not heard back from (especially if they have donated in the past)
- **(Possible) Fundraising committee:** We are looking to start a fundraising committee within the AC, let Katie know if you are interested in joining. The main goal would be to pool together fundraising ideas and increase our fundraising efforts. We talked about possibly selling apparel (t-shirts, etc) for ECFE families and Matt had some examples. The foundation recommended we start this committee.
- **Valentines event:** A group of us met to go through the Valentines event boxes to organize and figure out what needed to be ordered. We planned the layout of the event and Jenna ordered supplies. We need someone to get cookie and coffee donations--asking Jessica T. since she has some connections. We are setting up for the event on Friday, Feb 7th at 4:15pm at DVLC (no childcare provided)--let Jenna know if you can help. We signed up for jobs for the event and prepped for the party. If you have any leftover party favors at home you can bring them to add to the prizes for the fish pond at the event--no choking hazards.

Liaison Reports

- **Parent Leader:** Gina M. attended the meeting. They talked about a district wide survey given to students in grades 5,8,11 as a way to get a view of our student population. They ask questions such as, if students feel safe at school, questions pertaining to mental health and well-being, etc. Lots of stats and numbers were discussed.
- **District Legislative:** Ashley attended the meeting. They talked about the levy passing and the additions provided by the levy: activity buses; mental health support-- FTEs for schools 9.5 positions in elementary, 6 in middle school and 6 in high schools (this will be in addition to the 105 current mental health support staff); transportation, staffing, VMS STEM school support; support for ALC middle school; positions for future buildings; Elementary math coaches, magnet school positions, tech support and reading recovery. The priority will be to increase mental health support. They also talked about how the levy is used for learning and a bond is used for building--- there is buzz about the high schools getting artificial turf for their tracks and that will use bond money. Ashley is not able to attend the District Leg. mtg at the capitol on March 10th from 9am-3pm if anyone would like to volunteer to go in her place let her know.
- **Community Ed Advisory Council:** Katie attended the meeting. They changed the name of the daddy/daughter dance to become all-inclusive so anyone is welcome to attend. CE offers swimming lessons and they offer some for free--this year they also had free swimsuits for participants who took the free class. They want to have a traveling CE class working out of an old school bus--it is in the early stages of planning and would reach out to areas where classes may not be offered. Summer camps are now open for enrollment.

Discussion Items

- We are not participating in the Mid-Winter Fest this year.

Motion to adjourn by: Katie

Seconded by: Lori

Minutes submitted by: Jessica I.