



Family Center, Hensey, Creve Coeur, Robein In-Person/Virtual Parent Committee Minutes

April 13th, 2022

Members in attendance: Lexi Sturgis, Sarah Ngiraibiochel, Jennifer Sigalos, Zora Williams, Rachel Brown

Staff in attendance: Suzy Walker-Cortez, Amanda Andresen, Sarah Klunk, Dee Schierer, Michelle Schoenbein, Brittney Foiles, Alexis Walker-Cortez, Tammy Vestal

Guest Speaker: Zeke, Agency Liaison from Bikers Against Abuse

Dinner: Members in attendance received Subway sandwiches, chips, carrots, and cookies.

Minutes: Our guest speaker was Zeke from Bikers Against Child Abuse (B.A.C.A). He discussed how BACA originated and how they help protect children from abuse and support them through the age of 21. He also went over how they receive referrals and all the training they go through to help children. We finalized end of year activities and most classrooms have field trip set or waiting for approval. Suzy announced we will be planning a Kindergarten sendoff night for May 12th check for a flyer coming home in the next few weeks.

Center End of the Year Updates:

Hensey- Will be going to the zoo on April 22nd, will be doing tie dye shirts, ceramic plates that will get baked, and have ice cream bars on the last day.

Creve Coeur- Will be going to EP Park tentatively May 10th, will be doing tie dye shirts, having ice cream bar on last day of school.

Robein- Will be going to Wildlife Prairie park on April 22nd, will be doing tie dye shirts, a special treat on the last day.

Family Center- Dee and Tammy's class will be going to the zoo May 6th and Parent committee voted to purchase water bottles for each child to take with them. Peggy and Katherine's class will be going to the park tentatively May 19th. We will have ice cream truck come on the last day of school. Peggy's room will be doing tie dye, all other classrooms will have kids decorate shirts.

Upcoming Events- NO School April 15th & April 18th No School For Easter Break, April 21st Policy Council May 6th Mothers Day Slide Show, May 20th last day of school.

Teacher Updates-

Sarah/Alexus-they have been learning about rain clouds and the water cycle. They did a kindness cloud and when children caught their friends being kind, they add a raindrop. They enjoyed the book *The Cloud* by Erik Carle and practiced being an author and illustrator.

Katherine/Morgan- They are awaiting the hatching of their baby chicks. When they come back from the weekend the eggs should be hatched. They are going to be talking about farm for the next few weeks and finishing doing their last Zoophonics.

Peggy/Alexis- We are going to end the school year learning about Bumble Bees and Caterpillars. We can't believe how much the kids have grown both physically and cognitively. We welcomed a few new friends into our room and things are going well for everyone.

Dee/Michelle -This month we finished up our dinosaur unit and have now started our Easter and Spring unit. We are also working on our beginning letter sounds and preparing to get our kdg. bound friends ready. We had our Art night and that was a big success. Our kids painted pictures of each other building up their team skills and motor skills. Each child picked a friend to paint and then that friend sat as the model as they painted.

Tammy/Jackie- Thanks everyone for attending the Art Show! The children had so much fun painting the picture, picture frame, & flowerpot! We have Artist! The children have been so excited to go outside. They found a worm and love hearing the birds. Next week we will continue to learn about spring. The children are so interested about birds and worms we are going to follow their interest and learn more about them! We have been building Social /Emotional skills. Practicing ways to problem solve, how to be safe, and team building. Friends chose a buddy to play a toy with, in the afternoon. Ask your child how we are superheroes. We are Safe, Kind, and a Team. The children have been building Kindergarten skills. They have been counting, making patterns, sorting, and building with a friend. Our friends have been practicing letter sounds, naming letters, and writing their name.

Hensey- We have started our unit over ducks we have so much to learn we have decided to focus on them for a couple weeks. We are on day 11 in the incubator. We are counting the days till day 28. After hatching I will bring some in for the kids to see and pet. Week of April 25th we will start focusing on dinosaurs. We have lots of activities planned for that week. We will finish off the year with bugs & gardening. We will also be hatching butterflies in the classroom. We will continue to focus on we are a team we are safe, and we are kind here in the classroom.

Creve Coeur-We are really focusing on our Kindergarten readiness goals to prepare everyone for kindergarten & for those who are returning next year. LaSalle School is having their Kindergarten screenings this week. Our students just finished learning about pizza and were able to make their own pizzas in the classroom. We also celebrated Week of the Young Child. For Music Monday we made maracas with easter eggs & spoons. For Tasty Tuesday, we made pizzas on English muffins and also made fruit pizzas on crackers. For Work Together Wednesday we worked on puzzles with partners. For Artsy Thursday, we did string pulling art

with paint and made a masterpiece on a canvas. We also had an art gallery to show off our artwork. For Family Friday, we sent home a Creative Curriculum Project about being a TEAM at home (which is one of our Head Start Expectations). This week we are learning about Fairy Tales & Nursery Rhymes along with retelling the story of the Three Little Pigs.

Robein- no update

Next meeting will be on May 11th in person only

Door Prize Winner- Rachel Brown

Meeting adjourned at 6:37