



Pekin Parent Committee Minutes

Date: 1/12/23

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. Adjourned at: 7:00 p.m.

Dinner was served from: Potato Bar and Soup

Members in Attendance: Cleo Sisco, Tara Porter, Courtney Balgobin, Rebecca Corrington, Ashtyn Ritchie, Michelle Rogers

Staff Attendance: Kim Severns, Lindsey Markle, Peggy Mooney, Morgan Wood, Shelby Smith, Julie Dennis

Ms. Kim introduced Ms. Julie the new ELC and asked her to share something about herself with everyone. She also introduced Ms. Shelby the Teacher that took over for Ms. Tammy to say something about herself and what is going on in her classroom.

Guest Speaker:

Lisa Maynard from Illinois Neurologist Center of OSF spoke about Spinal Injuries and how they affect your whole body. She talked about the importance of seat belts. If you are pregnant, you should move your seat back, so you have less impact from the air bag. We had a parent ask about a booster for bigger kids. Lisa gave her the phone number to call so someone could help her with that. When her presentation was done, she offered to send me some links affiliated with spinal cord injuries. I will then share them with our families. She will be our Guest Speaker again in March to talk about distracted driving.

Upcoming Events

- 1/10-Deb from Hult Center came and taught Tooth or Consequences
- 1/16-NO SCHOOL-Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 2/3-Give a kid a Smile Day
- 2/3-Wear RED (National Heart Association Day)
- 2/10-NO SCHOOL-P.D.D.
- 2/14-Health Advisory Meeting @ Family Center @ 8:30
- 2/16-Valentines Dance @ Family Center 6-7
- 2/20-NO SCHOOL-Presidents Day

Peggy/Morgan's Classroom updates:

They are starting off the new year learning about the story The Gingerbread Man. They will be sequence of the story, counting gingerbread man and play with cinnamon scented playdough. They are introducing early science experiments by dissolving a gingerbread cookie using water, milk, and vinegar to predict which will make the cookie dissolve faster. They will be making a gingerbread man cookie that will "disappear" from the oven and with help from other staff they will go looking for him.

At the end of the month, they will be learning about snow and ice. They will make pretend snow and have an indoor snowball fight. The children will create their own snowy picture using black paper and white paint. They will be displayed for winter season.

Lynel/Cheryl's Classroom updates:

They are learning about animals in the winter and winter in general. They bring snow in when there is enough outside. They will also make some fake snow. They are making white play dough and are using it to make little snowmen. Please ask your child what it means to hibernate or what it's called to sleep all winter.

They will be making bird feeders to put outside for our feathered friends.

They will also be learning about dinosaurs. They will be measuring and using tools to measure with.

Shelby/Becky's Classroom updates:

We introduced the new Teacher Shelby. She told us about everything new in their classroom. They are getting to know each other. They are working on Social/Emotional and screening the children to see where they fall in ELS.

Becca/Lindsey's Classroom updates:

They are talking about Artic Animals. How they stay warm, and the different animals that like the now and dislike the snow. They will be doing the blubber experiment with the children.

They will also be learning about clothing (socks, hats, gloves, pants, and shirts) They will be having a fashion show in their classroom. They are asking for donations for clothes and shoes.

They will also be talking about dental care at the end of the month.

We are still working on Social/Emotions and reviewing our classroom expectations, sharing the way we feel this way and working on classroom routines.

Make it/Take it:

This month we did the Feeling Sliders. Parents picked which slider they wanted. Some made a couple. They cut them out and used a pipe cleaner and a bead. When their child is struggling with emotions, they can use the feeling slider as a visual to help their child recognize and talk about their feelings.

We talked about Easter. We are going to ask for Egg donations from our families. We decided the Parent Committee would buy trinkets to put inside the eggs. Everyone voted yes. Ms. Kim will type up a letter and send it home in a few weeks.

Next Meeting will be Wed. March 22, 2023 @ 5:15

Food: Committee picked Becks Chicken for Dinner

Meeting Adjourned 7:00