



Creve Coeur, Hensey, Robein

Parent Committee Minutes

April 18th, 2023

Members in Attendance:

Creve Coeur- Sabrina Godby, Tina Stegall, Christiana Schoolman, Rocky Crawford, Maranda Boyer-Barnes

Hensey- Chelsea Zook

Robein- Anna Wilcoxon, Tiffany Algas

Staff- Suzy Walker-Cortez, Tammy Lawson

Dinner: Fried Chicken, potato salad, chips, rolls, and cupcakes

Guest Speaker: April is Prevent Child Abuse Awareness Month. T.Bear from Bikers Against Child Abuse spoke to the parents about the services they provide to children who have been victims of abuse.

Minutes: Miss Suzy ran the meeting and Sabrina Godby, Secretary, took minutes. Everyone should have received the letter about removing the COVID-19 vaccination requirement. We went over policy council updates from the March meeting. Parents were asked what they thought we could do differently to get more parents involved. Suggestions were a parent directory for classrooms so parents can reach out to one another. Another suggestion is having a Facebook page for parent communications. Miss Suzy went over the fun day on the 12th. Creve Coeur will come to the Family Center from 9-10, Robein will have the gym 10-11 and eat lunch there, Hensey will have the gym 11-12 and will also eat lunch there. There will also be a Kindergarten Sendoff on May 11th. Details will be sent home soon.

Upcoming Events: April 20th Art Walk @ Family Center 5-6pm

April 27th Policy Council 5:30 @ FC

April 28th NO SCHOOL Career Development Day

May 11th Kindergarten Sendoff Night

May 12th End of the Year Fun Day

May 18th Head Starts Birthday

May 19th LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

Teacher Updates:

Tammy/Dawn(Robein)- We are working on our 3rd investigation week with reduce, reuse, and recycling. The children are making things with items that can be reused. They have enjoyed sorting containers and matching lids to the correct one, planting a seed by using a water bottle

as a terrarium, and finding ways to reuse and reduce items in the classroom. We have recycled crayons by melting the broken ones to make heart shaped rainbow crayons and talked about how to share clothing and shoes that we have outgrown, and how to use less paper towels when drying our hands to reduce waste. We plan to use recycled boxes and plastic items to make musical instruments next. We are also in our last step of the Eric Carle Art Show Project that will be on display April 20th at the Family Center. The children made their own texture painted paper, cut the shape they wanted and pieced the paper together to glue the design of their masterpiece. The children found creative ways to make their collages. The end of the year field trip has been set up and the flyer will be sent home soon with all the information. It will be on May 11th and parent volunteers are welcome and most needed for the Peoria Playhouse. Weather permitting, we will eat a picnic lunch and have some playground time before heading back to school for nap time and snack. There are many fun things planned before the end of the school year.

Shannon/Britney (Hensey)- This month we have started making special gifts for Mother's Day. We have been celebrating Week of the Young Child by playing musical chairs for Music Monday, eating a pomegranate for Tasty Tuesday, partnering with a friend to work on a puzzle for Work Together Wednesday, showing our families our abstract paintings for Artsy Thursday, and sent home a fun scavenger hunt activity for Family Friday. The artist that we learned about was Jackson Pollock. He was known for dripping & pouring paint while he stood up and used his body for motion. The kids observed several pieces of abstract art. They listened to music while they stood up at the table and practiced scribbling. They even made their very own scribble monsters. Then we took them outside to paint on a canvas. They also made their very own classroom painting together as a team. Next week we will be doing a project on water.

Debbie/Mary (Creve Coeur)- We will be making our tie dye shirts tomorrow. We are also going to celebrate "Work together Wednesday" by having the children work together in a group to create an obstacle course they can have fun with. Our kindergarten bound children will be screened through LaSalle school on Thursday April 27th. They will be taken from our room for a short time and then they will return to us. Earth day is on Saturday April 22nd, so we will be doing a couple of activities on Monday to help our Earth. We are planning a field trip to Farm Park on May 11th for our end of the year trip. We will also be having a kindergarten send off on May 11th at the Family Center from 5:30 – 6:30. On May 12th, we will travel to the Family Center for a fun day with activities in the gym. Parents are welcome to meet us there. Our bus will pick us up at 8:50 and take us back to our classroom at 10:15. We will have some fun activities in our classroom on May 19th, the last day of school.

Next Meeting Date: Thank you for a wonderful year!! We will see returning parents next school year

Meeting adjourned @ 6:45pm