



Pekin Parent Committee Minutes

Date: 4/19/23

The meeting was called to order at 5:25 p.m.

Dinner was served from: Avanti's, each person got to choose from a selected menu.

Members in Attendance: Cleo Sisco, Tara Porter, Jay Roberts, Courtney Balgobin, Rebecca Corrington, Ashtin Ritchie, Johnnie Harrison

Staff Attendance: Kim Severns, Lindsey Markle

Guest Speaker:

Lisa Maynard from Illinois Neurologist Center of OSF spoke about distracted/impaired driving. She went over how a split second looking at your phone to send/read a text can change everything. She brought a special pair of goggles and head phones. She asked for a volunteer who had to match puzzle pieces while she was singing the ABC's. It showed how it can impair your thinking and your reaction time. There was a lot of great information given at this presentation.

Parent Committee Discussion:

We talked about the end of the year. The Parent Committee decided they would like to do something small every day. When it gets closer to the day we will do the outdoor activities on the warm days,

These are the ideas:

- 1) Field day Parent Committee will by Kites, airplane gliders, play tug of war, gunnie sack races, cake walk. They also thought it would be fun if the kids ate lunch outside.
- 2) Bubbles and Snow Cones
- 3) Movie and Popcorn
- 4) Tumble Bus
- 5) Face Painting and Cotton Candy

Parents voted on a budget of 800.00.

Upcoming Events

- *4/27~Policy Council 5:30 @ Family Center
- *4/28~NO SCHOOL~P.D.D.
- *5/2~Teacher Appreciation Day
- *5/4~End of the Year Community Fair 5-6 (Pekin Gym)
- *5/14~Mother's Day
- *5/18~Policy Council 5:30 @ Family Center
- *5/19~LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
- *5/23-2/26~Teacher's will be doing end of the yr. Home Visits

Peggy/Morgan's Classroom updates: Our classroom started with a month learning about frogs and the life cycle of a frog. We have learned that frog's breathe through their skin even though they have lungs like us. We learned how frogs swallow by pushing those eyes down into their head. There are frogs everywhere in the world except Antarctic. There are 25,000 different types of frogs and they come in a variety of colors.

We also welcomed a new class pet Frog we named Hulk because he is green. We are learning to care for him, and the kids love to watch him.

After we complete our frog study we will be learning about water.

Lynel/Cheryl's Classroom updates: We have been having so much fun this month. We had fun playing with night crawlers. We measured them and looked at them through a magnifying glass, we also read books about them. We made a special treat for snacks called dirt and worm cups. The baby chicks were a hit and we studied things that hatch from eggs. They were surprised to see how many things come from eggs, like, spiders, frogs, fish, insects... I did find a praying mantis egg that we have in our classroom. We are excited to see it hatch; we will then release them. We also released the night crawlers and talked about taking care of living things. We also have some caterpillars and will watch them go through the life cycle. They are getting big but have not got into cocoons yet.

We have been discussing recycling and reusing items to help take care of our earth. We read a lot of books about this, and the children are beginning to pick up trash they see outside and throw it in the garbage cans. We have sorted trash for recycling, like paper, cans and other metals, plastic and glass. We have learned about how recycling these things can make new things like clothes, fencing, paper, cans, and glass items.

We are beginning to reassess the children like we did at the beginning of the year. We will share those results with you at the end of the year. We are also still

trying to get a field trip set; the farm park opens on the 20th. I have emailed them several times but have not heard back yet. They said they are only taking emails right now. I will call first thing on the 20th in hopes of getting one set up. Last year they said they were filled up so we couldn't go.

Welcome to our classrooms now! We are excited to get back to normal with the lifting of the covid rules. You are always welcome to come into the classroom and to join us on field trips.

Becky/Tabby's Classroom updates:

Becca/Lindsey's Classroom updates:

This was the last meeting of the year. I presented the Parents with a Thank You gift and let them know how much we appreciated them participating in the program.

Adjourned at: 7:15 p.m.