



Creve Coeur, Hensey, Robein
Parent Committee Minutes
November 14th, 2023

Members in Attendance:

Creve Coeur-Candace Taylor, Kristen Wagner

Hensey- Tonya Aldrige

Robein-Tiffany Algas, Robert Algas

Staff- Suzy Walker-Cortez, Shannon Fritz, Amy Schroeder, Britney Foiles, Julie Dennis, Sarah Moore, Jenny Iles

Dinner: Soups, Chili, bread, chips, and dessert

Guest Speakers: Ms. Julie, Ms. Sarah, and Ms. Jenny spoke to the parents about the pyramid model and how the teachers use it in the classroom. Parents were given pyramid model handout; teaching moments handout and parents made a Tucker Turtle solution kit.

Minutes: Candace gave us an update on policy council and every site had a representative present and they went over the hiring of staff and budget.

Miss Suzy went over what each site has in their account and parents voted to do butter braids to help with children's activities, the parents decided what Christmas activity they are doing. Robein- stockings with children's names on them and have a ceramic ornament painting day. Hensey- stockings with children's names on them and have a ceramic ornament painting day. Creve Coeur- Take pictures of children with Christmas background, to put on an ornament, Santa caps with children's names on it. Parents also voted to purchase a small office laminator with sheets of paper for the center.

Miss Suzy reminded parents about the Learning Genie In-Kind and how important it is for parents to do. The Parenting workshop was successful. We had 7 out of the 9 participants complete all 3 classes and received items to make a safe place at home with a lot more items every week. She informed parents that the Eat Healthy Stay Active program has been postponed due to lack of interest. The parents all said if it wasn't on a Saturday, they would be more interested in attending. There will be celebrating Thanksgiving with a family feast for lunch. Creve Coeur will be going to the Pekin site on Monday, November 20th at 11am. Hensey will be going to the Family Center on Monday, November 20th at 11am and Robein will be going to the Family Center on Tuesday, November 21st at 11am. We will be celebrating Christmas around the World at the Family Center on December 14th.

Upcoming Events

- 11/15 Picture retake Hensey, Robein
- 11/17 Picture retake Creve Coeur
- 11/22-11/24 No School Thanksgiving Break
- 12/5 Policy Council
- 12/14 Christmas Around the World
- 12/18-12/21 Holiday Spirit Week

Teacher Updates:

Amy/Dawn (Robein)- It has been an incredible month in our classroom! The week of Halloween was an absolute blast, and it was full of learning. We read a variety of Halloween books, including the book, "Big Green Monster". The class could create their very own Big Green Monster. We had a Mad Scientist visit our room TWICE that week to have a variety of Halloween science experiments. We also read "Spookley the Square Pumpkin". We had a fun time creating our own 'Spookley Pumpkins' with playdough. We've also had a variety of messy tubs, which include Halloween themed tubs. We continued our week of Halloween learning all about Spiders. We compared insects to spiders. Plus, we created our very own spider webs with paint. Lastly, there was excitement in the air on the day our class was able to wear our pajamas and celebrate Halloween! Last week, we explored the topic of being Thankful and Grateful. We read a variety of books on being thankful and discussed what we are thankful for in our classroom. We even cut our own thankful chains to decorate our classroom. We've had so much fun with this project; it has continued into this week. We've been diving deeper into ZooPhonics. We look forward to learning about all our different animal letter friends throughout the school year! This week, our class is exploring our five senses. We had Mr. Potato Head visit to help us learn all about our senses. We have a variety of fun and unique smelling, seeing, touching, listening, and tasting activities during this week! We are also creating Thanksgiving placemats with our very own handprints. In addition to all of this, we are learning how to work as a team! Plus, we always put safety first in our classroom. We had a fire drill in October, and we have plans to practice another fire drill in November. We are so proud of our class, and we look forward to many fun and educational opportunities in the future!

Shannon/Mary (Creve Coeur)- We had a wonderful time meeting with all our families to go over Parent/Teacher Conferences. This week we celebrated World Kindness Day. We learned about how to be bucket fillers & how making kind choices makes us feel good on the inside. We will fill our classroom bucket with "warm fuzzies" when we are caught being Kind to our friends & teachers. When our classroom bucket is filled, we will celebrate together with a popcorn party! We also learned about Tucker the Turtle. We worked together in pairs to build a Safe Place out of magnetic blocks for Tucker the Turtle to go to when he is feeling upset. This month we will also be talking about what we are thankful for.

Jackie/Britney (Hensey)- We are breezing through November! We have been having so much fun learning about animals and how to take care of them. Our housekeeping area has been turned into a vet office and it has been everyone's favorite place to play in. We have adopted a new class pet. A beautiful dog that the children named Bingo! Each child is going to get a chance to take Bingo home for the weekend and write in Bingo's journal about everything they did together. We will begin talking about everything that we are thankful for this week and next week to start celebrating Thanksgiving. Our next topic that everyone voted on to learn about is fruits and vegetables. We are planning to taste test some vegetables and fruits and see which one everyone likes the best and which ones they like the least. We are going to learn how we grow fruits and vegetables, where we can buy them and how they benefit our bodies. Fruits and vegetables will lead us right into a theme on cooking. We would like to send home recipe cards and have everyone's parent/guardian fill out their child's favorite recipe and then we can make it into a classroom cookbook that everyone can have a copy of.

Menu for Next Month: TBD

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, December 19th @ 5:30PM

Door Prize Winner: Tiffany Algas

Meeting adjourned @ 7:00pm