



Creve Coeur, Hensey, Robein
Parent Committee Minutes
December 19th, 2023

Members in Attendance:

Creve Coeur-Candace Taylor, Micah Holeman, Kristen Wagner

Hensey- Tonya Aldrige

Robein-Tiffany Algas, Robert Algas, Celia Ayona, Prisiliano Ayona

Staff- Suzy Walker-Cortez, Amy Schroeder

Dinner: Spaghetti, gondolas, and salad

Minutes: Tonya gave update on policy council; they went over the grant. Ms. Suzy gave the show me dough update, parents can pick up items on Wednesday between 1:30-3:30. We have several members who have not been in attendance who hold positions on the committee. We will look at replacing members if they are no longer attending. Creve Coeur will be visiting Santa at the Family Center on Thursday and Ms. Suzy will be bringing Santa to Robein and Hensey. Ms. Suzy reminded parents about in-kind on learning genie and informed the dads they should have their own email linked so we can count the father involvement. Committee discussed how can we get more parents involved with parent committee. Ms. Suzy also asked parents to come up with ideas at our February meeting on fun activities we would like to do for the kids. Example a t-shirt design and end of year celebration.

Upcoming Events

12/18-12/21 Holiday Spirit Week

12/22/-1/8 Winter Break

1/15 No School Martin Luther King Day

1/22 & 1/29 Eat Healthy, Stay Active

1/23 Policy Council 5:30pm at the Family Center

Teacher Updates:

Amy/Dawn (Robein)- It has been a month full of fun celebrating the holidays. We enjoyed learning about the Philippines for Christmas Around the World. We created our own Philippines flag and Filipino Parols. A parol is a star-shaped ornament which originated in the Philippines. Lastly, we sampled fruit cake that can be a dessert in the Philippines during the Christmas season. Our classroom has been filled with Christmas activities and centers. Our Christmas centers included magna tiles with jingle bells, kinetic sand with a variety of gingerbread materials, a wrapping station, holiday stamps, holiday art and crafts, and more! Plus, our class

enjoyed decorating their own Gingerbread cookies and decorating our class Christmas tree! This month has been both fun and educational with the glitter flying, elves visiting, and snow much more! Not only have the children seem to be having a good time, but the teachers have too!

Shannon/Mary (Creve Coeur)- Christmas break is almost here! We have had so much fun this month! We started out by learning about Ukraine and how they spend their holiday. We were lucky enough to have a friend in our classroom whose Uncle home fostered a family from Ukraine and they gave us a lot of information to use! (Thank you Candace!) The kids learned how to make Kolach (braided Christmas bread) and had a taste test. They painted a blue and yellow flag, made paper snowflakes, and then learned about spiders. There is a Ukrainian story about how a little old lady who was poor and she didn't have any money for decorations for her Christmas tree. At night some spiders came out and decorated her tree with their spider webs. The webs turned into silver and gold. This is where tinsel came from. The kids made spider ornaments out of jingle bells and pipe cleaners and also made spider webs with salt art. This week we have been learning about how we celebrate Christmas with our family. We had some special volunteers come in to help us decorate ornaments (Thank you Candace and Micah!) We also made reindeer food, gingerbread playdough, gingerbread people, and celebrated by decorating Christmas cookies. We will also be going to the Family Center on Thursday to see Santa! We would also like to thank our Parent Committee for getting us a new laminator, Santa hats for the kids, and Christmas ornaments to decorate. We hope everyone has a Merry Christmas!

Jackie/Britney (Hensey)- We finished our lesson on fruits and veggies with a taste test and it was awesome to see what new foods they enjoyed! We did a whole week of cooking activities like making pancakes, eggs, butter and learning how to follow a recipe. The last two weeks have been all things holidays and we have really been getting into the holiday spirit! We are working towards a hot chocolate party once we get everyone's head start superhero cape under our kindness column.

Menu for Next Month: TBD

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, February 13th,2023

Door Prize Winner: Raquel Jones

Meeting adjourned @ 6:10pm