



## **Pekin Parent Committee Minutes**

**Date: Dec. 8, 2023**

**Members in Attendance:** Ashlee Thornton, Eric Thornton, Summer Barnes, Issac Barnes, Cleo Sisco, Hope Sullivan, Michelle Rogers, Miranda Ehrat, Jacoby DeMoss, Autumn Robinson, Divante Johnson, Anna Mitchell, Chase Mitchell

**Staff in Attendance:** Lindsey Markle, Kim Severns, Lynel Weatherington

**Dinner:** Adults: Potato Bar, California Medley Soup, Vegetable Soup, Turtle Brownies

**Children:** Mac N Cheese, Mixed Fruit, Cookies

**Guest Speaker:** We did not have a guest speaker this month.

**Minutes:** Ms. Kim went over upcoming events and told parents they were welcome to attend or volunteer at all of them. She reminded them to check book bags and Learning Genie regularly, so they have the most up to date information. She also told them to watch our Facebook page for the door decorating contest and to be sure to vote! Lindsey gave a brief update on Policy Council.

### **Classroom Updates:**

**Debbie/Alexus-**We are learning about our 5 senses and how we use them during the Christmas season. The children have been working on a project at home called "My Five Senses Book." When they bring it back to school, they get to present it to the class. We painted with peppermint paint and are planning other fun ways to use our 5 senses. We will end our week next week with a field trip to Talbott's Christmas Tree Farm. We are also working on our project for our Christmas Around the World presentation on India.

**Lynel/Becky-** We have been having a lot of fun in the classroom. The children loved doing the unit on the Gingerbread man. We are now doing Christmas activities along with Christmas around the world. We have the country of Finland. We will be doing an event on Thursday the 14<sup>th</sup>, hope to see a lot of families come. We are doing a week of Christmas around the world so we will be learning a little about how people celebrate the holiday in different ways.

We have been focusing on letters and numbers in our small groups. We are also concentrating on name writing and number concepts like, recognizing numbers and knowing numbers represent amounts, and adding and subtracting numbers for those who are ready.

**Becka/Amber**-We are exploring all things holiday (reindeer, elves, Santa Claus, ornaments, gingerbread man, etc.) We are learning how Russia spends the Christmas holiday, as we prepare for the Holiday event.

We are working on building friendship skills. We have a Santa Claus on our Super Friend Builders bulletin board, as we catch friends being kind to one another, we get to place a cotton ball on Santa's beard. Once we fill in all 15 spots, we will enjoy a Coco party.

**Kristi/Alexis**-For the month of December we will be going over Christmas traditions that are celebrated in Germany for our Christmas around the world event. We will be making our own little Christmas trees as Germany was the first to start this worldwide tradition along with other activities to get everyone into the holiday spirit.

Parent Club wrapped the gifts for each child and voted to let Santa give them out on the last day of school.

**Next Meeting Date:** Tues Feb. 13, 2024

**Food Request:** Taco Bar

**Meeting Adjourned:** 7:30