

Creve Coeur, Hensey, Robein Parent Club Minutes November 19, 2024

Members in Attendance:

Creve Coeur-Candace Taylor, Britney Nott, Kennedy Anderson

Hensey- Tonya Aldridge

Robein-Patricia Pepper

Staff- Britney Foiles , Jaqueline Sippel, Amy Schroeder, Shannon Fritz, Lindsey Obergfel

Dinner: Boneless wings, wedges, carrots

Minutes: Each site gave ideas on holiday gifts for the children. Candace spoke up and said she liked the Santa hats from last year. Ms. Shannon brought up how her children love games and suggested a variety of board games under \$5. After some discussion, the rest of the committee all agreed on the same gift for the children; each site's committee will be providing a Santa hat with the child's name on it and a board game. The committee will wrap these items at the next meeting and decide how to distribute them. Lindsey discussed the Positive Solutions Class that just concluded and parents who attended this year and last years class provided some positive feedback. Lindsey also talked about the Eat Healthy, Stay Active class and Candace provided some details from her experience participating; this class will be happening after the holidays, so watch for a flier with more information.

Make-It-Take-It- In place of a guest speaker we did a make-it-take it activity provided by Julie Dennis, Early Childhood Services Manager. Each family received a laminated tree to cut out, and a rectangle with the poem 5 Black Cats to cut, and 5 Cat Chip Clips. Lindsey explained that you start with all 5 cats clipped to the top of the tree and then read the poem and move a clip when it says one cat ran down the tree and then you ask how many cats are left, then repeat the poem until zero cats are in the tree. Each family also received a handout that correlates the Early Learning Standards connected to this activity.

Upcoming Events: Nov. 22nd- No School, Professional Development Day

Nov. 25th – Robein & Creve Coeur Family Feast @ 11:30 @ Family Center

Nov. 26th – Hensey Family Feast @ 11:30 @ Family Center

Nov. 27th- Nov 29th- No School, Fall Break

Dec. 3rd- Policy Council @ 5:30@ Family Center

Dec. 12th – Holiday Event @ Night @ Family Center

Dec 20th- No School, Professional Development Day

Dec. 23rd- Jan 6th- No School, Winter Break

Teacher Updates:

Amy/Dawn (Robein)- November has been full of fun! We began November with our first field trip to the Children's Museum! Everyone had an amazing time exploring. We appreciate our families and Ms. Suzy who helped this event be a huge success. It has been a month full of learning. We enjoyed learning about five senses, Thanksgiving, and food. We introduced our class to corn picking. It was a hit! Plus, it is an excellent fine motor skill. Our classroom has been filled with activities that help us be kind and thankful. Our class practiced our scissor skills and made a friendship chain together. Our class worked hard to make this together. It is a decoration in our classroom. It helps us to be SAFE, KIND, and a TEAM, because we are Head Start Heroes!

<u>Shannon/Mary (Creve Coeur)</u>- This month, we have been learning about nocturnal animals, bats, and spiders. Many of our students became interested in ladybugs. So, we bought a ladybug habitat with baby ladybugs to put inside, and watch grow. This week we are learning about popcorn and how it is made. Next week we will be learning about what we thankful for and Thanksgiving. Our Thanksgiving Family Feast is on Monday, November 25th at the Family Center. We also enjoyed our field trip to Ackerman's Pumpkin farm. The kids loved the hayrack ride and getting to see the animals.

<u>Jackie/Britney (Hensey)</u>- November has flown by! We finished up our wheels study and had so much fun looking at all the wheels in our parking lot. This week we have started talking about what we are thankful for and different thanksgiving activities. Lately our class has really enjoyed playing games together like musical chairs, hot potato, and doggy doggy where is your bone. They make a fun transition from center time to lunch time. When we return from Thanksgiving break, we will have a week of all things color! We have been so interested in what colors are made when mixed together.

Door Prize Winner- Tonya Aldrige

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, December 10th @ 5:30 with Chik-Fa-La for dinner

Meeting Adjourned: 6:41p.m.