



Pekin Parent Club Minutes November 14th, 2024

Members in Attendance:

Parents/Guardians- Michelle Rogers, Cleo Sisco, Miranda Ehrat, Desiree Pfeiffer, Brody Owens, Isaac Barnes, Summer Barnes, Chelsie Harkleroad

Staff- Lynel Weatherington, Becky Hackman, Debbie O'Shuaghnessy, Beka Hoerr, Jenny Iles
Lindsey Markle

Guest Speaker- Jenny Iles, Early Learning Coordinator-TWHS & Tucker

Dinner: BC BBQ (pulled pork, pulled chicken, brisket, green beans, potato salad & dessert)

Minutes: Mrs. Lindsey welcomed everyone, and we discussed how well everyone did with the doughnut activity. We discussed if anyone had researched any deals or new ideas for winter gifts for the children. Chelsie discussed a clay modeling kit that her kids really liked, and you get a lot for the price. Mrs. Lindsey also discussed a few of the items the parents had mentioned at the last meeting. The parents voted for each child to receive the following: a puzzle pack, clay model kit, and an LCD writing doddle board. We also discussed that we would look at bags this year instead of wrapping and that the gifts would be handed out on December 19th when a special guest comes to visit the children at school. Mrs. Jenny then talked to the committee about how Head Start focuses on social emotional skills and breathing is one of those. She asked how many parents had heard or knew about Tucker, the turtle. She then read the Tucker book we use at school to the group and Tucker himself acted it out. She also reminded parents there is Tucker book for home and that each family receives on at a homevisit. Mrs. Jenny then introduced the Take Home Tucker bookbag that classrooms will be introducing soon. She went over all the materials included in it and how to use each one.

Make-It-Take-It Activity: Lindsey proved families a green paper plate, brads and turtle pieces. Each family used a hole puncher and created a Tucker paper plate puppet that can go through the steps discussed in the Tucker book. Mrs. Jenny also let parents know the Pyramid Model website they can go to for more resources (challengingbehavior.org).

Upcoming Events: Nov. 20th- 8:00a.m. classrooms Family Feast at Noon
Nov. 21st -9:00a.m. classrooms Family Feast at Noon
Nov. 22nd- No School- Professional Development Day

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

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

Dec. 12th- Holiday Event in the evening

Dec. 17th- Rockin Around the Christmas Tree -Discovery Day

Dec. 19th- Santa visits

Dec. 20- Jan. 6th- No School Winter Break

Teacher Updates:

Lynel/Becky)- We will be doing activities for the holidays. We are planning on making drums next week we sent a note home about saving and sending in objects that could help us make drums, like, coffee containers, oatmeal containers. We may need more than one per family in case someone does not bring one. I have been saving some, so I have a few extras. The family feast will be on the 20th next week, hope to see you here. We will be making placemats with the children and plan on trying to build a teepee in our classroom. We will also be having a Holiday event coming up on Dec. 12th. More information will be sent home.

Erin/Kaeli- This month in our classroom We are gearing up for the holiday seasons by learning about friendship and nutrition! We learned all about what it means to be a friend to others, and we introduced our Super Friend awards (complete with a special cape)! Our little friends are loving earning that award by sharing, taking turns, and being super helpful around the classroom. They loved making a friendship chain and painting each other's hands to make a friendship tree and playing games like Duck Duck Goose. We will soon be learning about different kinds of foods that are healthy and unhealthy and creating our own Thanksgiving meal collages.

Beka/Amber- We talked about nocturnal animals. We talked about how nocturnal animals are different than diurnal animals. We will then go into all things fall. We will explore leaves, acorns, pinecones and all the different scents. As we prepare for Thanksgiving, we will talk about all the things we are grateful to have. We are talking about the different emotions we can feel and different ways to handle those feelings. We will continue practicing the 4 steps to be a problem solver. We will begin preparing for our Christmas Event.

Debbie/Morgan- We will be learning about what animals do to prepare for Winter. We will have an exciting pinecone experiment and attempt to grow our own pine trees. As always, we are continuing to work on building friendships and problem solving during social conflicts. We have introduced our new “Buddy Bag” that will also help children develop empathy. We’ve also have been focusing on letters, letter sounds and math concepts.

Door Prize Winner- Chelsie Harkleroad- relaxation set (soft blanket, sleep mask, lavender Epsom bath salt, and oil)

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, December 17th @ 5:30

Dinner Suggestion for Next Meeting: Spaghetti & Salad

Meeting adjourned @ 6:51p.m.