

Parent Association

Meeting Minutes

September 27, 2011

Attendees:

Nick Edgerton, Joanne Stewart, Colleen Smith, Megan LaRue, Jenn Flannelly, Heather Haigh, Katie Dering, Andy Charles, Jennifer Chadwick, Heather DeForest, Kaylene Harrison, Lori Coates Hay, Tricia Piereson, Kari Arroyo, Jerry Strine, Joyce Salisbury, Jackie Sirotti

PARENT ASSOCIATION OVERVIEW

- Goal of association is to provide programming and events to build community spirit among KCDS families. It is not intended to be a fundraising organization, as this is role of the Board (Association falls under the Board)
 - Parents are encouraged to provide their time, without feeling pressure to provide monetary resources
 - However, some events the association may plan, will aim to fundraise for the purpose of using those funds for the cost of those events (for example; money raised from Halloween carnival will pay for the carnival expenses).
- This year, the Association will have a bank account and have a new structure:
 - Co-Chairs: Colleen Smith & Megan LaRue(temporarily helping), & Jennifer Gregory Chadwick. Treasurer: Heather Haigh, Secretary: Jenn Flannelly
 - Classroom Liaisons: To communicate from association to individual classrooms and collect items for service projects, etc.
 - Chickadees: Jenn Flannelly, Robins: Katie Dering, Bluebirds: Tina Kaiser , Kindergarten: Kaylene Harrison, 1st: Megan LaRue, 2nd: Tricia Tetzlaff, 3rd: Joyce Salisbury, 4th: Stacey Davis Furgason, 5th: Tricia Piereson, 6th: Jennifer Gregory-Chadwick, 7th: Jerry Strine, 8th: Maggie Severe
 - Committee Leads: Work with Association Presidents to organize and facilitate programs. We still need more volunteers! Contact Colleen Smith or Megan LaRue to get involved!

MENTOR PROGRAM Committee Lead: Joanne Stewart

- This program is to introduce new families to KCDS, answer any questions and help them feel a part of our community at KCDS and Kalamazoo. Please see Joanne Stewart if you are interested.

MONTHLY SERVICE PROJECT Committee Lead: Carter Magnell

- **CRAYONS FOR KIDS:** Started by a former KCDS family, this organization raises money to help provide entertainment and comfort for children receiving medical care.
 - Penny Drive in classrooms for 2 weeks 9/30 – 10/14. Money raised will be used to buy books for Crayons 4 Kids to distribute at hospitals.

COMMUNITY REWARDS: BOX TOP & GROCERY PROGRAMS Committee Lead: Jackie Sirotti

- These programs allow parents to designate KCDS as the recipient of funds earned by money they spend at participating stores and on participating products.
- Jackie Sirotti and Andy Charles are working to make a summary of all the programs we can participate in, and how to take advantage of them. When complete, they will post it on the website. Last year, KCDS earned about **\$800** from this program

PARENT COFFEE Committee Lead: Heather Haigh & Julie Baker

- Held the third Thursday of every month, this is a great way to get to know the other parents.
- A Keurig machine has been purchased for school use by an anonymous parent. Thank you!

SANDWICH BOARD Committee Lead: Julie Baker, and Megan and Colleen

- Reminders on board as you come into school. Used for sporting events, parent coffees, auction info, conferences and anything else to remind parents of upcoming events.

HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL COMMITTEE

- There are MANY committees – Please sign up and get involved
- Discussion focused around use of tickets to gauge participant interest in games versus wristbands as a means to earn money from event to help offset event costs so that volunteers are not paying for supplies, etc.
- Raffle earns a good amount of money as raffle items are donated by parents
- Class Liaisons will reach out to individual classes to get more involved in planning and facilitating event

- **Next Halloween Carnival Meeting dates:** Tuesday, Oct. 11, 18, and 25 /8:15am in Library

Next General Meeting date: Tuesday, October 25, 2011/ 8:15am in Library