

MFCCC Parent Steering Committee (PSC) Meeting Notes
January 15, 2009

Parents in attendance: Patti Pitcher*
Staff in attendance: Lee Ann Isbell

*Meeting cancelled due to severe weather warnings. Patti came because she did not get the notification. Lee Ann and Patti agreed to meet.

Updates from MFCCC Director – Lee Ann Isbell

- *Technology news.* No update.
- *Child Care Connections Grant.* Grant request was denied. Patti suggests the option to solicit corporate sponsors to help offset the costs of resurfacing the playground. She will contact recycling people and others that she knows. Lee Ann will check with MMCI to make sure we are following the policies of the organization.
- *New Equipment.* The Center purchased new equipment for the classrooms at year's end. About \$500 spent on each classroom, plus additional funds directed toward purchases for the Commons and playgrounds. Most of the items have arrived.
- *Capital Request for Facility Improvements.* No update.
- *Accreditation (NAEYC).* Teachers working on classroom portfolios and strategies to document what they're planning and what kids are learning. Parents commented that they see and appreciate new features in the classrooms reflecting the new learning strategies. It is good for teachers to hear those comments, too.
- *Staff Development.* Several teachers attending an Infant Toddler Series Conference and other attending Infant Toddler Literature Series in January and February 2009.
- *Licensing.* The Center's license was renewed without any corrections.

Family Night Activities:

- *Mix and Mingle with Kris Kringle:* The Center served about 500 people at the Mix and Mingle with Kris Kringle. The older children did a great job singing, too.
- *Spring Chili Supper/Family Night.* **Changed to April** will include an educational interactive music presentation, www.macaronisoup.com.

Parent Steering Committee Fund Balance: **\$8,794.85 as of December 31, 2008.**

- *Note: PSC funds are used to support PSC-sponsored activities, such as those discussed in these minutes. The PSC has also discussed accruing PSC funds to sponsor a larger improvement, such as a Reading Loft in the Common Area or new equipment for Sherwood Forest playground. As funds build, we will solicit ideas and develop a formal long-range plan and budget for the PSC.*

PSC Fundraisers:

- *Dinner-on-the-Go Fundraiser* (Lead – Dori) – Zoomerang survey nearly ready to distribute for feedback on the Dinner-on-the-Go fundraiser.
- Patti shared some ideas about other possible fundraisers. She will bring to the next meeting.

PSC Activities:

- *Email listserve of Parents.* PSC wants to develop an email listserve to facilitate efficient communication with parents. We may ask teachers to help collect email addresses from all parents. Brooke will check on whether there's a freeware or inexpensive listserve application available on the market. No update.
- *New Family Welcome Packet from the PSC* (Lead - Nicole) – No update. Waiting for another round of new families before assembling more bags.

Other Items:

- *Sweetest Baby Contest:* The Infant Area has a Sweetest Baby Contest every February as a fundraiser for the neighborhood. Patti suggests putting the babies on a flier and/or the website. Lee Ann will explore the possibilities of doing that to support the cause.
- *Teacher Appreciation Week:* The PSC sponsors and supports the Teacher Appreciation Week. In the past, it was always held during the week of the Spring Program and Graduation. If we follow that same timeline, this year it would be May 18th-22nd. The Spring Program is on May 19th.

Next Meeting: Thursday, February 19, 2009, 11:45am - 12:45pm

Notes prepared by Lee Ann Isbell