

Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Meeting Notes

November 14, 2005

PRESENT

Betty Williams (Faculty Advisor),
Danielle Steele (Broadview pre-3),
Latife Neu (Cedar Park Toddler),
Cara Brannan (Crown Hill Pre-3),
Lauren Molloy-Johnson (Crown Hill AM),
Kristen Purdy (Crown Hill PM),
Sheila Benson (Ingraham Pre-3),
Charlene Nissen (Ingraham 3-5s),
Julie Lyderson-Jackson (Latona Pre-3),
Catie Hobson (Latona 3-5s),
Katy Rindal (Meadowbrook pre-3, N. Seattle Infants, Northgate pre-3, 5s),
Dorota Umeno (N. Seattle Infants Wed),
Jenny Ruegamer and Jennifer Archer (Northeast Toddler),
Eric and Kristen Genoway (Northgate Toddler),
Alice Lessard (Northwest Toddler),
Karl Hillstrom (Northwest Pre-3),
Rona Sass (Olympic Toddler),
Beth Munro (Sandhurst Toddler),
Sally Davey (Sandhurst Pre-3),
Cindy Hazard (Sandhurst Pre-3),
Amy Smith Bell (U.Ravenna Pre-3)
Heather Zecha (Victory Heights Toddler)
Chinda Roach (V. Heights pre-3)
Martha O'Fallon (V. Heights 3-5 AM)
Chris Casazza (V. Heights 3-5 PM),
Robin Hansen (Wallingford Pre-3),
Sonja Knudson (Wallingford 3-5 AM),
Stephanie Morris (Wedgwood Toddler),
Heidi/Dean Nicholls (Wedgwood Pre-3),
Jennifer Paris (Woodland Park 3-5s),
Feliks Banel (Wallingford 3-5 PM),
Debbie Jung (Wedgwood 3-5s),
Kellie LaRue (U. Ravenna 3-5s)

ABSENT

Laura Baumwall (Woodland Park Pre-3),
Julia Young (Broadview Toddler),
Anne Alenzi (Crown Hill Toddler),
Shannon Adams (Meadowbrook 3-5s),

MEETING NOTES

Call to Order: 9:30 A.M. by Karl Hillstrom, Vice Chair, in the absence of Laura Baumwell

October Minutes Submitted and Approved.

Betty Williams – Announcements

- FYI, if there are any updates for the web page, Shannon Adams will be out of town for a couple weeks so get info to her by Nov 22.
- Handwashing: Please report to co-ops:
- Please use *soap and water* after toileting and before eating. The Risk Manual does not specify alcohol sanitizers (such as Purell). It is a good idea to teach children the correct way to wash hands (rinse, soap up for 10 seconds-or the length of the Happy Birthday song, rinse). Would be a good small group activity.
- Please tell your treasurers that a cost survey will be distributed via email from the college. Let NSCC/Betty know if you don't receive it in the next couple weeks.
- The Nov 19th First Aid/CPR class is full. If you are registered but don't plan to attend, please let Betty know so we can pull from the waiting list.

Earthquake Policy

The Board will discuss the formation of an ad-hoc committee to pursue the formulation of an Earthquake Policy, and recommend when such a committee should meet. We are still in the information-gathering stage, so co-ops are invited to send any plans, lists, etc (relevant to emergency preparedness) to Sonja Knudson (sonja@zipcon.com).

Budget Report

65% of PAC dues have been submitted by coops. \$66 per co-op please send to Cara Brannan: 7739 20th Ave NW, Seattle, 98117.

Committee Reports

Communications. Submitted by Chinda (chinda@comscast.net)

- Newsletter available for distribution (see separate email)
- Deadlines for upcoming news: Nov 18, Dec 5
- FYI Chinda's co-op is selling Chinook Books if anyone is interested. So is Wallingford (sonja@zipcon.com)

Education: Submitted by Jennifer Paris (parismoe@comcast.net)

- 17 November 2005, 7:00: Anne Green Gilbert will speak on "The Brain Dance" at the Wedgewood Coop location Social Hall. FREE to the public.
- 14 January 2006, 9:30-4:30: Elizabeth Creary will do a day long workshop on "Siblings". Registration required; \$20-25 Fee; 50% of net proceeds to go to PAC Scholarships.
- February and March (dates to be determined): Marja Brandon will speak on a topic to be determined and Chris McCurry will speak on the how to help develop

the social skills kids need to be successful in elementary school. Both FREE to the public.

- We are also working on a communications speaker for April. FREE to the public.

Kindergarten Readiness. Submitted by Lauren (AJANDLMJ@aol.com):

- Kindergarten Readiness packets are out. It looks like all co-ops have signed one out. If anyone is needing a folder please contact Lauren Molloy-Johnson by e-mail. An update of important Nov, Dec and Jan dates was provided for PAC members to update their folders at their schools.

Fundraising.

Scholarship:

Registration:

(See small group discussion)

By-Laws and Handbook:

- Send digital copies of your copop bylaws to Chris Cassasa (casa@msn.com).
- The Board discussed whether all bylaws need to be online. We agreed there should be a representative sample of bylaws available as a resource online. In addition, Chris will compile a more complete collection can be transferred to a CD that can be checked out from PAC.

Small Group Discussion

- By a show of hands, it was decided to discuss Registration/Enrollment issues as a large group. Kelly LaRue, Registration Chair, contributed immensely to the discussion:
- Parent coordinator training=Saturday, Dec 3 9:30-11:30. This meeting is mandatory. The co-op needs to send a sub if the parent coordinator can't make it.
- Open enrollment is later this year: Sat, March 25 in the NSCC cafeteria.
- *Crossover* is changing to be more of an "in-house" system at infant, toddler, and pre-3 levels because some sites do not have 3-5 programs. Infant, toddler, and pre-3 students are considered in-house at *any* NSCC co-op (subject to the in-house registration bylaws at individual coops)
- Due to a city-wide age spike, there are enrollment issues at many co-ops. Kelly recommends:
 - Parent coordinators communicate with each other and with parents to share waiting lists, communicate virtues of other programs (beyond just the "popular" ones).
 - Some programs may need a parent coordinator assistant to help with over- or under-enrollment.
 - Meet as an all-school board to discuss site issues and come up with creative solutions (examples from Woodland Park and Wedgwood).
- Please contact Kelly LaRue with questions and/or registration issues.

Meeting reminders

Next meeting is **Monday December 12th, 9:30 to 11:30.**

Same meeting room: Education **2843**

Don't forget your parking pass (Betty can provide you with one).

Respectfully submitted,
Sonja Knudson