

# Arrival

Attendance: Matthew Winter, Ashley Holien, Shelly Schanen, Heather Blair, Jessica Isabella

Staff Attendance: Jenna Ruble, Cheryl Senum

Minutes from May meeting approved

## **ECFS Program Updates**

Early Childhood Classes:

- o Funds are stretched
- 34 classes are offered this fall.
  - One virtual class is empty
  - If 2 or more families, we are running classes
  - Any family could apply for any class and could be completely online
  - Can be onsite with a 10-person maximum
  - 4 Parents / 4 children rotation system
  - Fun to watch discussions
  - Kids / Parents
  - Circle time
- Infant playtime & Fantastic Fridays (outdoor playtime) switching to Wonderful Wednesdays (one time event).
  - 11:15 12:15 for WW Will go on webpage
- New class called racing race conscious children.
  - Completely digital full
- o Some in person classes that are all outdoors and 8 families
- $\circ~$  Dads outside and active is the new dads' class
- $\circ$  Wide open spaces 2 classes that are 100% in person.
- 8 virtual 3 in person 23 hybrid classes
  - Numbers are lower than normal
- o Greeted outside & lobby is empty
  - Going straight to classroom / Hand washing & sanitizing (same as normal)

# **Connections Preschool:**

- o Currently 289 instead of about 400. Hybrid Model
- o 2 days at school then 1-3 days of materials at home
- o Extended learning at home
- o 93 of the kids are participating in digital academy. Will have 109 kids soon
  - 4 days a week with a 15-30 minute zoom / Home learning kits
- o Almost a full capacity program
- o Prepared to go to all distance. Over 400 kids total
- Impact is on class sizes
- Had 6 classrooms and now 3
- o Only one preschool discovery class
- o Had some reorganization of pre-schools and staff
- o 1 person was let go

#### Budget:

• Teaching assistant staff – huge impact - All but 1 lost hours

- o Materials cost is much higher because of sending home kits
- Tuition has taken a huge hit
- Holding our own, but will be unbalanced and potentially cutting into the fund balance
- o Going to make it through the year
- Extra \$10,000 for home learning kits
- o Tuition is still full
- o People are questioning why, but still supporting
- o Costs have increased
- Would like to be able to support scholarships
- o Maybe council can support learning kits
- Currently not 100% on what we need
- Focus on fundraising.

#### **Committee Reports**

**Parent Night In** – October 8<sup>th</sup> – Speaker Maureen Campion – advertising to promote registration. Bidding owl used to upload silent auction items. Pick up for items @ DVLC 9-12, drive through.

**Square 1 Art** - Matt to monitor and organize, Jessica & Heather to assist in running orders to schools. Majority of orders placed online, items shipped to DVLC. Materials to get started sent to DVLC, Matt will organize the setup.

## Committees:

Buildings & Grounds: Workgroup will support backyard in spring Family School: Fall event packing boxes during day / Book Drive in spring Education & Planning: Predictable timeframe – notified one month prior to meeting / every quarter New Fundraising Committee: Conversation began surrounding new committee

Communication discussion - how to keep communication amongst committee members active (email, side conversations, monthly meetings, prewritten scripts)

#### Liaison Updates

Legislative Advisory Council

 Housekeeping stuff / priorities for 2020 year / 25% digital academy / Equity for all students (committee started to help guide schools) / social & emotional health are focal point / Keeping community safe

#### **Other Business**

Advisory Council plan for 20-21: Council meeting attendance, childcare postponed, Robert's Rule of Order followed. New google drive being setup, meeting timeframe moved to 7:15pm for one hour during COVID – Matthew motioned, Heather seconded, all approved

2019-20 Accomplishments –Valentine's party huge success – upcoming discussion to keep this going

Liaison Positions open for CEAC (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday every other month, Foundation, 196 Legislative Advisory Council (every other month), Parent Leader (2 members, every month, day meeting @ 9am, evening meeting @ 5:30pm – Jenna to report back with dates)

Recruitment of new members - strategies to promote new members were discussed

Adjourn: Ashley motioned to adjourn, Matthew seconded - Passed