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## Arrival

Attendance: Matt Winter, Ashley Holien, Gina Lang, Shelly Schanen, Terah Grace, Sam Gaylor, Heather Blair, Caitlin Sipe

Staff Attendance: Jenna Ruble, Cheryl Senum

Minutes from February meeting approved

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## ECFS Program Updates

Introduction for Sam Gaylor and Caitlin Sipe – Welcome New Members

Advisory Council members please notify Jenna by the April meeting if you will not be returning next school year. New Chair and Co-Chairs were voted on – Matt and Heather were nominated and accepted roles for 2021-222 school year.

ECFE spring classes – some families are waitlisted. Based on Governors statement on Friday, ECFE will be able to make last minute adjustments for classes to accommodate waitlist. May send people out to nearby district schools that have more space. Need to stick to safety guidelines but still waiting for news by the end of the week.

50 Families on waiting list. 125 children registered by lottery. In winter with only virtual it was 85-90 registered.

Operating virtual classes to accommodate families that enjoyed that structure are being reviewed. May continue virtual into the fall to reach more families.

One parent per class to meet safety requirements. This also allows more families to join classes. The program is trying refrain from eliminating families that have 3+ children.

Looking at how to get more space to accommodate early childhood education. There is a digital academy already registered for fall so that could open up more space in buildings but will have to wait and see what the district says.

Connections Preschool Update: As of today 265 applications for 3/4 year olds for Connections Preschool. Minimal problems with registration and wonderful feedback from families. A lot of excitement from families inquiring.

Interpreters are getting lined up for interested families. Tech assistance is also available to help families register.

Link on website for inquires for Connections Preschool and had 600 people submit for more information. Great success on the link so will continue to do next year and beyond.

## Committee Reports

Parent Leader Meeting: District is planning on getting secondary back up to 3-4 days.

196 Online, 3% interest from students in district. Expected 4-8% which is low but enough to continue on with 196Online. There is now a waitlist for 196Online and they are hiring staff for the virtual online classes.

Recommendations are being made to change start times on school next fall. Nothing has been discussed but they are getting recommendations collected.

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## Committees

Parent Night In: Sales are 51 tickets total. 10 at full price point and the rest were early bird tickets. Mary will now send out emails on her social media & community page which will all be sold at full price.

-Net \$610, will pay Mary \$500, \$110 will go to foundation.

-Hoping to get donations at event via online PayPal. All donations will go into foundations.

-Email with zoom links will go out Thursday morning, reminder emails will go out by 8pm tonight.

-Night of event, come a little early 10minutes. Can discuss any last minute items.

-Matt is gathering question and Terah will assist as needed. Mary can answer from Matt's compilation of questions.

-Everyone asked on the committee to do one last social media plug. :) — get the word out.

-Hard out at 9pm from event.

Teacher Appreciation: Looked into options with the \$200 budget. 68 staff to cover for teacher appreciation.

-Local Dunn Brothers (near HyVee in Apple Valley) willing to work with it, have to come through by a 2 hour window range. We can decide how handle drink size to stick to budget.

-2 other ideas: Dunkin' Donuts with individually wrapped doughnuts with coffee. Or a snack and go day with small personally made snack pack they can grab and go.

-Asked Cheryl and Jenna what they would want for a treat. Cheryl thinks doing the Dunkin' Donuts would be more appealing because the teachers would like the flexibility to pick up rather than a 2 hour window.

-Jenna told us for conferences they made the teachers a hot chocolate bomb goodie bag and only about 50% staff picked up and they ended up delivering to the homes.

-Best bet is to deliver to the locations the teachers are at if we want to ensure they get their gift. Debating on doing both Dunn Bros and the doughnut option so flexibility to suite the staff. AC approves both options, Matt motions for approval and several people second approval.

Foundation: 2 people on foundation to join the council on future meetings. Also to help with volunteering or historical advice. They wanted to put in everyone's mind that if we leave council then we could always join the foundation.

Community Education: Positive feedback from group regarding the Valentine's bag – nice range of activities.

-Would like a puppy class since families have gotten dogs over Covid

-Hiring of HS students and educators for community events/classes.

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## Other Business

What are people thinking about meetings in person or zoom or hybrid. Believe childcare with be available.

- Some like the options to do both because it is easier to commit. We think a hybrid could help with committee flexibility and keep members to be able to attend.

- Thoughts on how to run subcommittee or what we want to focus on more next year. We can probably condense version of thing at the current numbers to AC members.
- A request to see list of committees. Google drive will be sent out to the new AC members. Jenna shared her screen so everyone can review.
- Jenna wants us to consider diversifying the ECFS committee & classes and meet the needs of our whole district. Think outside of the box.

**Meeting Adjourned**