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## Arrival

Attendance: Matt Winter, Ashley Holien, Katie Bothun, Shelly Schanen, Terah Grace, Sam Gaylor, Heather Blair, Caitlin Sipe, Meredith Eilertson Azeem, Katie Rudolph, Jen DeGroot, Melissa Dunlay, Julia Brummer, Heidi Krech

Staff Attendance: Jenna Ruble

Minutes from March meeting approved

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## ECFS Program Updates

Introductions for Meredith Eilertson Azeem, Katie Rudolph, Jen DeGroot, Melissa Dunlay, Julia Brummer – Welcome New Members

ECFE summer classes – Summer brochure is now available, parents may sign up online or via US postal mail. Great feedback on 1 time events, especially the backyard blast. Attendance for spring classes averaging around 12 kids, with parents. Hoping to increase to normal numbers in the fall (14-16 kids, with parents).

Bridge To School – Summer program to help transition incoming kindergarten students. In the past, program was 4 half days in August AM only. Students would have a large “snack” to experience the lunchroom, tour the school, and experience a classroom setting. Funding for program came from school readiness funding (scholarships were available), parents were charged a fee and district funds were also used. Changes for this year – ALL incoming kindergarten students will have access to the Bridge To School experience. Will be 2 half days this year instead of 4, assessments will be done on these days as well. More information will be delivered to families the week of April 26<sup>th</sup> once School Board has had a chance to vote on it. As part of the mission for equitable access for all and since the program will now be part of the school year, there is no cost to parents.

Connections Preschool Update: No updates at this time

## Liaison Updates:

Parent Leader Meeting: Discussion around reaching out to children during summer months. Hoping to bridge gaps from the past Covid year (specifically designed around children who typically pick up lunch on days off from school). Superintendent received feedback on how quickly she should respond to community members and staff around local news and COVID updates. Social Studies and History curriculum is regulated by the state and updated / modified every 15 years. Currently in the process of being reviewed. Ashley will find out where access is to the parent proofs and share with this group.

Legislative Advisory Council: Meeting was in March, next one is April 21<sup>st</sup>. All staff have had the opportunity to receive a Covid vaccine. Most staff have had at least one dose. In the past, groups have gathered and lobbied at the Capital however, this year the meeting was held via Zoom. Groups preferred the Zoom meeting, received more information, watched a video created with students etc. Hoping to continue with Zoom meetings for future events. Let Ashley know if you are interested in filling a community position.

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## **Committee Updates**

Teacher Appreciation - May 3 – May 6: Donuts and water one day (Signup sheet for donations on Google Docs, individually wrapped donuts and a bottle of water); Coffee another day (Drive-thru or walk-in to receive a treat)

End of Year Picnic: Wondering if people feel safe and comfortable doing it this year. Typically held the first Sunday in June (6<sup>th</sup>). Council agreed – YES the picnic should happen. In the past, council has done a potluck – same this year. Council will invite Foundation members to better combine efforts.

Rain Garden Clean Up: Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup> & Saturday May 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9:00am-11:00am

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## **Other Business**

## **Meeting Adjourned**