

Parent Advisory Committee Meeting

October 6, 2009

6:00PM

1. Welcome
2. Invocation
3. Old Business
 - A. Septic System- The DEP posted the public comment period in The Dominion Post on September 10th. There will be 30 days for any public comment. As long as there is no comment, the permit will be issued and signed as of October 16, 2009. Ashco has told us that they will be prepared to begin excavation immediately on the system. It should only take a few weeks to complete.
 - B. Trike-A-Thon- Thank you to all of the parents that attended. It was a wonderful time of food, fellowship and fun. We raised \$1605 for St. Jude Children's Hospital. The prizes were ordered today and will be shipped within 3-4 weeks. We will distribute those as soon as we receive them.
 - C. Parent Date Night- We hope everyone enjoyed this special night. We wanted to show our appreciation for all that you do as our clients. The children had a great time at their camp out, eating smores, and watching a movie. We hope to schedule this event again next year.
 - D. Backpacks- We stuffed a total of 50 backpacks this summer. The backpacks were taken to Scott's Run Settlement House where they gave them to children in need in the Morgantown area. Thank you for giving back to the community.
 - E. Daily Sheets- All classrooms have changed their sheets based on the feedback from the last meeting. The new sheets are designed to give more information and implement the "smiley face system" in the 2's and older. The 3 year old teachers have also been distributing a weekly newsletter that includes more information on the topic, important dates and reminders, and events in the classroom. The PAC has requested that all classrooms distribute a similar letter each week. This will begin October 19th.
 - F. Kid's Day- Our turn out was fabulous! The teachers kept a sense of humor on being dunked by their children very well! It was a wonderful day for children in Morgantown.
 - G. The WOW Factory- The WOW Factory will be coming on October 21, 2009 to paint a pumpkin project. Per the PAC, we sent an opt out form home to families. ALL children will participate and be billed for the activity unless the opt out form is returned to the office by Friday, October 9th.
 - H. Ice Cream Days- This was a hit with the children. We alternated the types and vendors for ice cream. Thank you for any donations in the container in the lobby.
4. New Business
 - I. Floors- We replaced the bathroom floors and are watching to make sure we are pleased with the durability. We intend to replace the floors in the 2's, 3's and Pre-k with the same

- type of flooring. The PAC agreed that they like the floors. We will likely close the center for one extra day over the New Year's holiday in order to complete the new floor. The PAC recommended that we open it up for parent volunteers to help with the installation. We will be sending a communication home with students regarding this information.
- J. Harvest Parties- Harvest Parties were discussed. The schedule will be as follows: 2's and 3's Breakfast, Pre-K Lunch, Toddler's Snack. This will hopefully help with the separation anxiety for the Toddler's. Children may dress up in costumes that are not scary. The 2's and 3's may come to school in their costumes. Please send costumes with the Pre-K and Toddler's. Teachers will also be posting sign up sheets in the classrooms for the parties.
 - K. Christmas Program- The Metropolitan Theatre has been reserved for the Christmas Program, but may not be available if the construction is not completed. The suggestion was made to look into University High or another school as a back up plan. A final resort would be to use Covenant again. The suggestion was made to have all the children participate again, but not to allow them to return to the parents during the show. Instead, they would go back to the room where they are dropped off to play until the parent comes back to pick them up. We will plan to serve refreshments again afterward. It was agreed to use the same script as last year since each age group has moved up to a new classroom.
 - L. Christmas Charity- The suggestion was made to find a local charity that serves families in the area. The hope would be to even have the family come out to the center for lunch or breakfast for the children to supply the gifts. We will contact the United Way to search for a service to help us to find the right charity. Our goal would be for each class to sponsor a family.
 - M. T-Shirt Sales- Per parent request, we will have POG T-Shirts for sale again this fall. It was asked that we have them in a color other than white. We will also provide other choices such as sweat shirts, hoodies, and long sleeve shirts. The proceeds will go toward the Christmas Program and the new floors.
 - N. Pepperoni Roll Sale- We will also be selling Ms. Tamra's world famous pepperoni rolls as a second fundraiser this fall. We will pick two Friday's (before a game day) and allow families to order for pickup on Friday evening. Again, all proceeds will go to the Christmas Program and the new floors.
 - O. Pictures- The pictures completed by Aundrea Humphrey's Photography will be back on Friday October 9th. We will distribute them at that time. There were some recommendations made for future photo shoots. Parents would like to see more proofs, more choices, and a more natural setting of play. Parents would also like to have time to view the proofs online before scheduling an appointment to order. We will pass along this information and plan to schedule another shoot in the spring or summer of next year.
 - P. 2010 Meeting Dates- Jan 5, April 6, July 6, and October 5, 2010
5. Other Issues
- 1. The gate on the playground was moved during mulch spreading and does not latch properly. This will be resolved over the weekend.
 - 2. Souper Bowl 2010- It was advised that we begin planning for the "Souper Bowl" in advance for next year. It was suggested that we create a special committee to help with planning

and execution of the event. We will be in contact to schedule a special time during the month of November. We will be trying to get corporate sponsorship this year, as well as donations for raffle items. We will try to hold the event at the High Street Banquet Center again. We will also provide more activities for the children. It was also suggested to have a strict policy on pre-purchasing a child's bowl and participation.

6. Closing