



**Door County Partnership for Children and Families
Parent Education Group Meeting Minutes
Chambers Room –Government Center
January 22, 2018
10:30-11:30AM**

The Door County Partnership for Children and Families, together with our partner organizations, is dedicated to connecting people to resources through a family-centered approach in order to achieve social emotional well-being and school success.

Attendees: Tenley Koehler (UWEX), Callie Krauel (DCMC), Rebecca Davis (Partnership for Children and Families), Mary Ellen Smith (DC Public Health), Chelsea Smies (DC Public Health), Diana Logan (DC Public Health), Abby Brown (HELP of Door County), Julie Neuchter (WIC / Parent Representative), Nikki Voight (Door-Tran), Danielle Nyman (DHS), Paul Thierfelder (Sturgeon Bay Christian Counseling)

1. Next Meeting date/time will be **Monday, February 26, 2018 at 10:30 a.m.**
 - A. The future meetings will be held on the 4th Monday of each month at 10:30am
 - B. The meetings will be held in the Chambers Room at the Door County Government Center.
2. Introductions/Agency Updates
 - C. DCPCF: Rebecca shared that since Community Connections went “live” on November 1, 2017, she has met with 13 families. Of those families she was able to successfully transition 3 of those families to CCS, 1 to Family Services S.E.L.F. program and made 2 referrals to Lakeshore CAP. The rest of the families received basic need and other general informational support. Keep the referrals coming.
 - i. Reminder - referrals can be made online at <https://doorcountyparents.com/community-connections-interest-survey>
 - D. Door County Medical Center: no updates
 - E. Public Health: no updates
 - F. DHS: Dani mentioned that staff is moving into the new Community Center (ADRC). They had their open house on Thursday, January 18, 2018 and the building has lots of nice space for use. Nikki Voight also attended the open house and said she thought it will be a great place to hold block parties and such.
 - G. Door Tran: Nikki reported Door Tran holds a workshop regarding Door County transportation options on the 3rd Wednesday of every month from 9am-10am
 - H. WIC: Julie mentioned breast feeding support group is going well
3. Large group updates:
 - A. Updates from Executive Committee
 - i. The committee did not meet in January do to schedule conflicts. The next meeting is February 16, 2018.
 - a. On the agenda will be a discussion about translation services for Community Connections and the Universal Screening project
 - ii. **The quarterly partnership meeting was changed to March 16, 2018 still 8:15am at Justice Center** – Tracy Klesper from Lakeshore CAP in Manitowoc will be here to speak to us regarding their Connections Count program. Her

team and Jillian Clemens from State DHS has been a huge help in the development of the DCPCF Community Connections service.

- B. Door County Parents Website/Facebook updates
 - i. Rebecca continues to update the website <https://www.doorcountyparents.com> as needed – please let her know if you have anything that should be added
 - a. The Facebook page name has been changed from The Village to Door County Partnership for Children and Families. The name change has NOT affected the page URL which is still: www.facebook.com/doorcountyparents
4. Raising a Thinking Child/I Can Problem Solve Update
- A. Current Session: This session started on Wednesday, January 17, 2018 and continues weekly until March 7, 2018. The class is being taught by Tenley and is held at the Door County library. It is a daytime class starting at 9:30am for snack/coffee/juice and then the programming runs from 10:00 – 11:30. Rebecca is providing food/drink and childcare. Mary Ellen helped with childcare on the 1st day and Abby Brown can help as needed.
 - B. Outreach: Candis and Rebecca met with Sevastopol administration and they welcome an offering of Raising a Thinking Child to their district parents. They suggested the classes be held at Sevastopol for good participation. Tenley will reach out to them about scheduling a Fall class.
 - i. Tenley suggested extending invitations to school staff to attend RTC classes so they can see firsthand what is being learned and may garner interest in the ICPS piece for staff. However, she is wondering if parents would feel uncomfortable with staff attending.
 - a. Group majority feels that parents would not be deterred by staff attendance.
 - i. Nikki Voight suggested limiting school staff attendance to no more than just a couple at each session.
 - ii. Location for RTC: Julie Neuchter reported she has posted about the class on various Facebook groups and has gotten feedback that parents are interested in knowing when the next evening class will be scheduled. Those parents were directed to connect with Tenley.
 - a. The majority of the group preferred continuing classes be held at Sunset school vs. other locations because of the gym option.
 - b. Group majority feels another evening class be offered starting in April at Sunset School.
 - iii. Childcare for RTC:
 - a. We are looking to increase our pool of childcare volunteers if you know of anyone who would be interested, the background check is good for 4 years so even if they aren't available right now they could get the check done so when they are available they will be ready to go.
 - Background checks are conducted by Candis Dart. However, as she is currently on maternity leave until mid-March, please

reach out to Rebecca partnershipconnector@gmail.com or 920-421-3145 and she will facilitate getting the checks done.

C. Tenley reported that there is interest in Green County so she has a call scheduled with them to share more about the program.

5. Block Parties

- A. Tenley conducted the Play Assistant training with the group
- B. First block party will be held on either March 12th or March 19th from 5:30pm - 7:00pm depending on availability of venue. Tenley has a call in to Jake at the new Community Center (ADRC) to see if we can hold the party there.
 - i. This block party will be a **Pizza & Block Party**. Families will enjoy pizza at 5:30pm before the start of the block party at 6:00pm
 - ii. The participants for this block party will be by invite only. Invitations will be extended to past and current Raising a Thinking Child families.
 - iii. Rebecca and Tenley will work the welcome/exit table to welcome families, explain the block party process, and collect evaluation sheets. Rebecca will also be on hand for community resource information.
 - iv. Play Assistants – we will need a play assistant for each block station. A sign-up sheet was passed around for those interested in volunteering to be a play assistant. No background check is required for this volunteer opportunity because the parents will be participating with their child(ren).
 - a. Email Tenley tkoehler@co.door.wi.us if you are available and willing to volunteer as a play assistant or need more information before deciding. A short training will be provided on-site prior to the event.

6. Review Goals

- A. Tenley provided copies of the logic model that was developed from the goals that were set back at the Parent Ed Committee meeting in April 2017 and a 2018 calendar
 - i. Everyone is to bring these with them to the February meeting for discussion/planning

7. Other

- A. Parent representation for committee – Julie Neuchter said she would put the word out that we would like more parent voices at the table
- B. Rebecca is keeping an eye out for parents to bring to the table as well.

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