



**Door County Partnership for Children and Families
Parent Education Group Meeting Minutes
Chambers Room –Government Center
February 26, 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 Nicholson (Partnership for Children and Families), Mary Ellen Smith (DC Public Health), Chelsea Smies (DC Public Health), Diana Logan (DC Public Health), Kris Miller (Cradle to Career), Martha Neigel (Boys & Girls Club), Julie Neuchter (WIC / Parent Representative), Nikki Voight (Door-Tran), Danielle Nyman (DHS)

1. Next Meeting date/time will be **Monday, March 26, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. in the Chambers Room at the Door County Government Center**
2. Introductions/Agency Updates
 - i. DCPCF: Rebecca is keeping busy filling in for Candis
 - A. Door County Medical Center: no updates
 - B. Public Health: no updates
 - C. DHS: Dani shared a bit about the upcoming trainings offered through DHS to providers, parents and Community members. Here is a link to more information about the trainings <https://doorcountyparents.com/dc-children-family-services-2018-training-schedule/>
 - D. Door Tran: Nikki reported that Door Trans annual meeting will be held on April 24th
 - E. WIC: Julie mentioned breast feeding support group is going well
 - F. Other: Julie mentioned there are two Montessori parent meetings coming up
3. Large group updates:
 - A. Updates from Executive Committee
 - a. **The Raising of America** film and discussions events will be held on March 20th at the Government Center and March 22nd at the Bailey's Harbor Town Hall. Find out more here <https://doorcountyparents.com/raising-of-america-signature-hour/>
 - ii. **The quarterly Partnership meeting is Friday, March 16th 2018 @ 8:00am in the Multi-purpose room at the Justice Center** – Tracy Klesper from Lakeshore CAP in Manitowoc will be here to speak to us regarding their Connections Count program. Rebecca Nicholson will give a brief refresher on the Door County Parents website and provide instruction on how to save the website shortcut to folks' mobile devices.
 - B. Door County Parents Website/Facebook updates – Rebecca updates regularly
4. Raising a Thinking Child/I Can Problem Solve Update
 - A. Current Session: Continues to go well. Next session will be an evening session offered at Sunset School tentatively starting April 10th
 - ii. parents were directed to connect with Tenley.
 - iii. Childcare for RTC: Still need more volunteers

- 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.

5. Block Parties

- A. Tenley ordered 10 varieties of Blocks so that we will have our own inventory of blocks to use.
- B. First block party will be held March 19th from 5:30pm -7:00pm at Door County Library in the basement.
 - 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. The group picked the following “tentative” dates for remaining 2018 Block Parties. Thursday, April 19th (Sunset School Family Fun Night), Saturday, June 16th (City Kick-Off to Summer event), Saturday, August 18th (2nd Annual Safe Kids Event), Monday, September 10th (hold @ new ADRC for Grandparents Day)
- b. The group picked possibly holding the first Parent Café the week of October 15-19
 - 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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