

Door County Partnership for Children and Families
Parent Education Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
Chambers Room, Door County Government Center
March 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: Candis Dart (Partnership for Children and Families), Tenley Koehler (UWEX), Diana Logan (DC Public Health), Chelsea Smies (DC Public Health), Mary Ellen Smith (DC Public Health), Callie Krauel (DCMC), Danielle Nyman (DC Human Services), Rebecca Davis-Nicholson (Partnership for Children and Families), Paul Thierfelder (Sturgeon Bay Christian Counseling), Tyler Powell (Door County YMCA), Nikki Voight (Door-Tran), Kris Miller (Cradle to Career)

Next Meeting Date/Time

- The next meeting of the Parent Education Subcommittee will be **Monday, April 23rd** at 10:30 a.m. in the Chambers Room at the Door County Government Center
- Parent Ed Committee meetings will continue to be held on the 4th Monday of each Month at 10:30 a.m.

Introductions/Agency Updates

- Kris Miller
 - Katie Smullen, who was previously at United Way, is now the new Student Support Specialist at NWTC. This is a new role and is supported by the Women's Fund.
- Nikki Voight
 - Door-Tran is continuing to track unmet transportation needs. Please continue to send those to Door-Tran.
 - Door-Tran's Annual Meeting will be Tuesday, April 24th from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. at Prince of Peace Church in Sturgeon Bay. Please RSVP to Door-Tran by April 18th at infor@door-tran.org.
 - Door-Tran's Annual Fun Event is scheduled for Sunday, August 19th from 2-5 p.m.
- Danielle Nyman
 - Beth Chisolm is the new CLTS (Children's Long Term Support Waiver) and Birth to 3 Manager for Human Services. (When Cindy Zellner-Ehlers retired, her role was split into two positions – the second position has not yet been filled)
- Tyler Powell
 - He has taken on a new role as the YMCA's Association Youth Director for both the Northern Door and Sturgeon Bay locations.
 - Healthy Kids Day will be Saturday, April 21st in Northern Door and Saturday, April 28th in Sturgeon Bay. Anyone interested in having a booth at either location should contact Tyler.
 - June 16th – YMCA's Father-Daughter Ball

- Mary Ellen Smith
 - She will be retiring from the Public Health Department on May 3rd. She will continue to be a part of the Door County Partnership for Children and Families.
 - Safe Kids Door County event will be held on Saturday, August 18th, 2018.

Large group updates:

- Updates from Executive Committee
 - The Raising of America events (3/20/18 and 3/22/18) went well. The panel members did a great job and there was a lot of great discussion.
 - We are looking to have the June 8th Quarterly Partnership Meeting be the Annual Celebration for the Door County Partnership for Children and Families. Be sure to watch for more information to come soon about this.
 - If you have any information that you would like to see in the Door County Partnership for Children and Families newsletter, please send this to Candis.
- Door County Parents Website/Facebook updates
 - We had a lot of great response to the Facebook posts about the Raising of America events.
 - Everyone is encouraged to continue using the Door County Parents website. If there are any changes or suggestions, please be sure to let Candis or Rebecca know.

Block Party Update

- The first Block Party was held on Monday, March 19th. The event went well and seemed to be well received by the families. Tenley shared the results of the evaluations that she received.
 - Some of the evaluations were completed by the children – it was nice to see their take on the event.
 - 90% said they received valuable information about child development
 - 81% would attend another Block Party
 - 17 adults and 16 children
- For future Block Parties:
 - Use a bigger location – the space worked, however it was a little crowded.
 - Have nametags for participants. This would help the Play Assistants to interact with the children.
 - We did a timed event, with 10 minutes per station. The 10 minutes seemed to go by very quickly – we should evaluate if this was enough time at each station (some blocks took longer to take apart and put away).
 - For younger children, they did not quite grasp the concept of timed stations.
 - Could look at doing a “Passport” style event for the older youth, to encourage them to attend more stations. They would get a stamp/sticker/etc. at each station they participated in. Younger children could stay at a station as long as they desired.
 - Do we have enough volunteers to be Play Assistants?
 - We could ask parents to help in the future
 - Carpeted floors or mats would be nice for future programs
 - The gifts for each family was a nice touch – families seemed to enjoy the blocks they received.

- We still have a few of these gifts left – perhaps they can be used at future events as giveaway items/prizes.
- Rebecca shared a video that she created from the Block Party pictures. This video will be posted on the Door County Parents website. (we do have photo releases from all families shown)

Raising a Thinking Child/I Can Problem Solve Update

- Documentary
 - At this time, we are not sure when this will be complete or how much Door County will be featured.
- Raising a Thinking Child
 - We need to look at planning the next session of RTC.
 - Originally we had suggested starting in April, however we do not have enough time to organize and advertise for this.
 - Discussion was had about doing a summer class.
 - Tenley will talk to the waiting list to see what their thoughts are
 - Currently have 5 people on the waiting list for the next class.
 - During the last session, 2 classes were consolidated into one evening. This meant the families had a lot more homework, but it can be done to shorten the class to 7 weeks.
 - We will not hold a RTC class this Fall, as Tenley will be on maternity leave. Candis is trained to facilitate, however the State rules indicate that she would have to shadow Tenley for an entire class session and that Tenley would have to be available to assist while Candis taught the class.
 - Discussion was had on how we should be advertising the classes
 - Mary Ellen suggested that we could do a tear-off page that would give the basic information about the program and instruct them to contact Tenley to find out about future class dates/times
 - We will look into this more after Tenley is back from maternity leave.
 - We can also create a subscription list on the Door County Parents website where people could subscribe to an email list to be informed about future classes.
 - Depending on the time classes are offered, we will need to find assistance with childcare.
 - We will look at scheduling a class to begin after Tenley is back from leave.

2018 Calendar Review

- Tentative Calendar Dates:
 - Block Party at Sunset School Family Fun Night – April 19th. Candis will touch base with Ann Smejkal after Spring Break to get more details on this event. We may need Play Assistant volunteers.
 - Block Party at Kickoff to Summer – June 16th – Tyler can look into adding us to the events listing for Kickoff to Summer
 - Block Party at Safe Kids Door County event – August 18th
 - Block Party at ADRC for Grandparents Day – September 10th
 - Parent Café during the week of October 14th – 20th
 - No RTC Class in the Fall

Other

- If anyone is interested in helping to facilitate the Parent Ed Committee while Tenley is on leave, please let either Tenley or Candis know.

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