

Door County Partnership for Children and Families
Parent Education Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
Chambers Room, Door County Government Center
April 23, 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 (Door County Partnership for Children and Families), Tenley Koehler (UWEX), Nikki Voight (Door-Tran), Martha Neigel (Boys & Girls Club), Wess Roberts (HELP of Door County), Milly Gonzales (HELP of Door County), Paul Thierfelder (Sturgeon Bay Christian Counseling), Diana Logan (Public Health), Mary Ellen Smith (Public Health), Chelsea Smies (Public Health), Callie Krauel (Door County Medical Center), Rebecca Nicholson (Door County Partnership for Children and Families), Karlee Bertrand (WIOA)

Next Meeting Date/Time

- The next meeting of the Parent Education Subcommittee will be **Monday, May 21st** at 10:30 a.m. in the Chambers Room at the Door County Government Center.
 - *****Please note this is a week earlier than our typical meeting date, due to Memorial Day.*****
- Parent Ed Committee meetings will continue to be held on the 4th Monday of each Month at 10:30 a.m.

Introductions/Agency Updates

- Mary Ellen is retiring from the Door County Public Health Department on Thursday, May 3rd. She will continue to participate in the Door County Partnership for Children and Families.
- Martha: The Boys & Girls Club of Door County is currently doing registration for the summer. The spots are filling up quickly.
- Nikki: Door-Tran's Annual Meeting will be Tuesday, April 24th at Prince of Peace Church.
- Milly: Wess Roberts is the new Youth Advocate for HELP of Door County and will be participating in the Parent Ed Committee. Abby Brown's last day with HELP will be May 4th.
- Candis: Safe Kids Door County will be held on Saturday, August 18th at the Door County Fairgrounds. This year, Safe Kids Door County has partnered with the Emergency Vehicle Fun Day to host a joint event.

Large group updates:

- Updates from Executive Committee
 - The Annual Celebration/Organizational Assessment for the Door County Partnership for Children and Families will take place on Friday, June 8th from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. We will be celebrating all that our organization has accomplished in the last few years, as well as doing an assessment of where we are at now and what the future should look like. We would love to have input

from as many people as possible. Breakfast will be served. Watch for more details to come soon.

- Everyone is encouraged to like the Facebook page for the Door County Partnership for Children and Families (www.facebook.com/doorcountyparents) and to continue using the Door County Parents website (www.doorcountyparents.com).
- Rebecca has created a new Parents/Family Newsletter that will be distributed monthly. If there is anything that you would like to see included in this newsletter, please be sure to let Rebecca know. If you would like to receive the newsletter, please sign up: <https://doorcountyparents.com/door-county-parents-newsletters/>.
- Candis will also be continuing the newsletter she sends out – this is geared more towards providers. If you have any information to include here, please let her 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.
- A second Block Party was held on Thursday, April 19th in collaboration with the Sunset Elementary School Family Fun Night. There were approximately 60 parents and 60 children that attended the event.
 - There were 5 Associate Teachers who were trained to be Play Assistants. Rebecca, Tenley, Martha, and Candis were also there.
 - We had block stations set up in the gym and the library.
 - The event seemed to go well. It was fun to see families interacting and building together.
 - We will look at potentially doing this event again in the future.
 - This event was less structured than the first Block Party, but seemed to work well. Some play assistants had to help with multiple stations, which was not an issue.
- Future Block Party dates were discussed. We are looking at hosting Block Parties on the following days:
 - Saturday, June 16th as part of the Kick Off to Summer event in Sturgeon Bay at Sunset Park.
 - At the March meeting, Tyler Powell from the YMCA mentioned that he was involved with planning that event. Candis will reach out to him to ask about having a Block Party included in the day's events.
 - Discussion was had about doing a Block Party during Safe Kids Day in August. It was decided that since many of the Play Assistant volunteers will be involved with other activities at Safe Kids Day, this was not a good option.
 - It was suggested that we could do a Block Party during the Door County Fair (August 1 – 5). This would allow for exposure to many families in the county. Tenley will look into this possibility.
 - It was also suggested that we host a Block Party for children and grandparents on Grandparents Day (September 10th). It was mentioned that the ADRC is working to schedule activities for that day. Tenley will reach out to the ADRC to see if this would be a possible collaborative event.

- We will need volunteers to act as play assistants for these events. It was suggested that we reach out to the High Schools to see if any students would be interested. Contacts at the school are:
 - Sturgeon Bay – Jenni O’Handley
 - Southern Door – Sara Paye and Jodi Delwiche

Raising a Thinking Child/I Can Problem Solve Update

- Tenley provided a quick overview of RTC for the new members of the Committee.
- Tenley has reached out to the parents on the wait list for the class. They have indicated that they are interested in doing a summer class.
 - We are looking at tentatively hosting a class on Thursday evenings, beginning June 14th – July 26th. It would run for 7 weeks (two weeks would be combined).
 - The class will be free, and free meals and childcare will be provided.
 - We will need volunteers to help with childcare.
- Tenley shared the results from the most recent session of RTC. There were many positive comments and parents indicated that they feel better equipped to handle behaviors, even if the child’s behavior did not change.
- We will be opening the class up to providers if they would like to attend.
- The Documentary that was filmed last Fall is currently being edited. A release date has not yet been announced, but the film will likely be in electronic format.
- At this time, we are not planning to host an RTC class in the Fall, since Tenley will be on Maternity Leave. We will schedule a class to begin when she returns.

Parent Cafés

- We are still planning to host Parent Cafés beginning this Fall.
- Candis and Rebecca are attending a mock Parent Café on Thursday, April 26th. They will report back what they learn.

2018 Calendar Review

- Tentative Calendar Dates:
 - Block Party at Kickoff to Summer – June 16th
 - Block Party during Fair – August 1st – 5th
 - 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.
- Tenley shared that someone had suggested to her that we look at changing the name of this committee to something other than Parent Education. The concern is that Parent Education can have a stigma attached to it and that it may not be as inviting to parents. We want to utilize more positive language.
 - The committee agreed that the name should be changed.
 - Potential ideas for new committee name:
 - Parent Engagement
 - Family Enrichment

- It was agreed that we liked the name Family Enrichment. We will bring this to the Executive Committee for approval. Tenley encouraged everyone to think about this name change and send any feedback they might have to her.
- Discussion was had about whether the committee should be referred to as a Committee or as a Group. The concern was that parents may not want to be involved on a committee, but that Group sounds more like it would just be parents.
- Candis referred the group back to the discussion held at the November 2017 meeting. At that time, the committee decided that parents are encouraged to attend and will always be welcome. However, it was the consensus that until we are more established, the committee will likely contain more members who are providers. At this time, the Parent Cafés will be the main way for us to connect with families and parents.

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Every Family.*

