

Door County Partnership for Children and Families
Parent Education Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
Chambers Room, Door County Government Center
May 21, 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), Martha Neigel (Boys & Girls Club), Wess Roberts (Help of Door County), Callie Krauel (Door County Medical Center), Kris Miller (Cradle to Career)

Next Meeting Date/Time

- The next meeting of the Parent Education Subcommittee will be **Monday, June 25th** 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

- Martha (Boys & Girls Club of Door County) shared information about the Summer Foods program that will begin soon. Information on dates/locations and a printer-friendly flyer can be found here: <http://doorcountymca.org/programs/summer-foods/summer-foods-locations/>. These meals are free to anyone 18 years and younger.
- Kris (Cradle to Career) reported that she has been working with families on GED completion and post-secondary education. She has also been working with families to find stable housing.
- Tenley (UW-Extension) reported that UW-Extension will be merging with UW-Madison in July.
- Candis (Door County Partnership for Children and Families) shared information on the Safe Kids Door County event, which will be held on Saturday, August 18th at the Door County Fairgrounds. This year, the event has collaborated with the Emergency Vehicle Fun Day. Candis also shared that the Door County Department of Human Services will be doing a Trauma Informed Care Open House on Tuesday, May 22nd from 1-3 p.m. in the Peninsula Room at the Door County Government Center. This event is open to the public.
- Wess (Help of Door County) shared that he is working on having a much heavier presence in the schools, starting with Southern Door.

Large group updates:

- The Annual Celebration 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. at Hope Church in Sturgeon Bay. We will be celebrating all that our organization has accomplished in the last few years, as well as planning for the future. We would love to have input from as many people as possible. Breakfast will be served. More details can be found here: <http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07efcuaawl5c17357d&llr=y>

[ydtcqcab/](#). Please RSVP by using the link or by emailing Candis at doorcountypartnership4children@gmail.com.

- We have partnered with Papa Murphy's Pizza in Sturgeon Bay for a fundraiser on Wednesday, May 30th from 11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. On this day, for every regular priced pizza that is purchased, a donation will be made to the Door County Partnership for Children and Families.
- Rebecca has made a change to the landing page for the Provider section of the website. It is still password protected, however if you do not have the password, there is now an option to have it sent to you.
- 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 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.
- The Marketing Committee is currently in the process of developing new marketing materials. We will share these as soon as they are available.

Name for Committee

- Discussion was continued on a potential name change for this committee. The current name is Parent Education Committee. It was suggested that the name be changed to avoid any stigma of parent education, but also to accommodate the broader scope of what this committee does.
- The Executive Committee is in agreement that the name should be changed.
- Current options include: Family Enrichment or Family Engagement
- Discussion was had that this is perhaps something that we could ask parents at a Parent Café or Raising a Thinking Child, in order to get parent input.
 - It was suggested that we create a poll on Facebook
 - Is there an incentive we can give for participation?
 - Put a summary of what the committee does.

Parent Café Update

- In April, Candis and Rebecca attended a Mock Parent Café at Lakeshore CAP in Manitowoc. Candis shared information that she learned about how Manitowoc plans and hosts their Parent Cafés.
 - Held monthly (same day/time/location each month for consistency)
 - Program is 5-8 p.m. (this includes time for meals, program itself is 2 hours).
 - Held September - May
 - Each month has a theme and a focus on 2 Protective Factors
 - Use the Parent Café in a Box questions
 - They provide food, childcare, and door prizes
 - Supplies for each table: tablecloths, table décor, fidget toys, candy, inspirational quotes, paper to write on
 - Parents wear nametags

- Each table has a table host – preferably a parent. They are responsible for guiding conversation at the table and review the Parent Café agreements before each round.
- Usually 2 rounds of conversation – each on a different protective factor. Parents are encouraged to switch tables between conversations.
- Purpose of Parent Café is peer to peer learning, time to learn from each other, time to reflect on your own experiences.
- At the end of the Parent Café, each person is given a card and envelope. They address the envelope to themselves and respond to: “I will commit to taking time each day to _____ for myself.” The card will be mailed to them approximately 2 weeks after the Parent Café.
- After 2 rounds of conversation, a full group reflection is done.
 - What did you learn?
 - What “ah-ha” moments did you have?
 - One Word Reflection – go around room and share 1 word to describe how you are feeling.
- Do a written evaluation at the end of the evening.
- We are still planning to do a Parent Café in the Fall. At the June meeting, we will discuss how we want these to look.
- Candis will look into ordering the Parent Café in a Box questions.

Block Party Update

- Next Block Party will be **Saturday, June 16th** as part of the Kick Off to the Summer event. The Block Party will be from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. in the Park Shelter at Sunset Park.
 - Tenley has created a flyer for this event. Please share.
 - We will need volunteers to work as Play Assistants. Please let Candis or Tenley know if you are able to help.
 - Candis will create a Facebook event.
- Tenley has also created a postcard with information about the June Block Party. Please share this information as well.
- We will also be doing a Block Party during the Door County Fair, in partnership with the HCE group. The times for this will vary. The structure of this will not be the same as past Block Parties – it will be set up as part of the HCE booth. We will need volunteers for different times throughout the days.
- We are also looking to host a Block Party at the ADRC for Grandparents Day. Tenley has been in contact with the ADRC and they are interested.
- Tenley has also created some promotional flyers for those interested in hosting a block party. Please share these with anyone who may be interested.
- Tenley also created a letter and information for Block Party volunteers. Our hope is to get the community involved and have the information more readily assessable for us to use.
- *****We need volunteers to help with all of the Block Parties we have planned*****
 - Tenley has created a Doodle poll for the upcoming Block Party dates. Please indicate the dates/times when you are available to help as a Block Party Play Assistant. <https://doodle.com/poll/6hr3wyaru4kzn3vh>
- We will need to decide how many blocks (and what types) we want to have at each event.
 - This will depend on the number of volunteers we have.

- For the June Block Party, we will also look at bringing table clothes for the tables and blankets for the ground.

Raising a Thinking Child/I Can Problem Solve Update

- The next Raising a Thinking Child class will be held on Thursdays, from June 14th – July 26th (7 weeks) at Hope Church in Sturgeon Bay. Please see the attached flyer for details.
- We need volunteers to help with childcare. If you are available to help, or know of someone who might be interested in helping, please let Candis know as soon as possible. All childcare volunteers will need to have a background check completed, unless one has already been done by the Door County Partnership for Children and Families.

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.

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*Every Child.
Every Family.*

