

**Door County Partnership for Children and Families**  
**Parent Education Subcommittee Meeting Minutes**  
Chambers Room, Door County Government Center  
June 25, 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), Mary Ellen Smith, Wess Roberts (Help of Door County), Callie Krauel (Door County Medical Center), Kris Miller (Cradle to Career), Julie Grondin (Door County Human Services), Chelsea Smies (Door County Public Health), Kathy Schultz (Door County Human Services), Nikki Voight (Door-Tran), Paul Thierfelder (Sturgeon Bay Christian Counseling)

**Next Meeting Date/Time**

- The next meeting of the Parent Education Subcommittee will be **Monday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>** 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 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each Month at 10:30 a.m.

**Introductions/Agency Updates**

- Door-Tran's Annual Fun Event will be Sunday, August 19<sup>th</sup> from 2-5 p.m. at the Egg Harbor Fun Park. Door-Tran also has a new presentation and are willing to present to any groups that are interested in learning more about transportation in Door County.
- Public Health: Rhonda is retiring on July 9<sup>th</sup>. There are new staff members at Public Health.
- Safe Kids Day event will be Saturday, August 18<sup>th</sup> at the Door County Fairgrounds.

**Large group updates:**

- The Annual Celebration for the Door County Partnership for Children and Families was Friday, June 8<sup>th</sup>. The event went well. A World Café conversation was held for the second half of the event. There were a lot of great discussions and suggestions. The information from this conversation will be reviewed by the Executive Committee and discussed further at the September Quarterly Partnership meeting (Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 8:15 a.m.).
- The Community Connections service continues to support families and refer to other services/resources. If you know of someone who would benefit from connecting with Rebecca, please contact her or complete the referral form on the webpage (<https://doorcountyparents.com/community-connections/>).
- New rack cards have been created. Please let Candis know if you would like any.

**Name for Committee**

- The Committee continued to discuss changing the name from Parent Education Committee to better fit what the Committee is working on and to avoid any stigma that may be attached to parent education.

- It was suggested that Parent Education may not be as strength-based as we would like. We do not want parents to feel judged or that we are telling them how to raise their children.
- At the last meeting, the suggestions were:
  - Family Enrichment Committee
  - Family Engagement Committee
- Further discussion was that we want to work on skill development and enhancement (rather than parent education)
- Additional suggestions for names include:
  - Enhancement
  - Empowerment
- It was suggested that we reach out to a few parents who have attended Committee meetings in the past to get their thoughts.
- We will vote at the next meeting to determine the new Committee name.

### **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.
- 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 has ordered the Parent Café in a Box and will have it at the next meeting.
- We are looking to do a series of 3 Parent Cafés – starting in October – every other week and wrap up before Thanksgiving.
- We will look into doing a mock Parent Café before this, so that everyone has a good understanding of the process.

### **Block Party Update**

- The Block Party during the Kick Off to Summer event went well, except for the weather. We had approximately 30 families who attended. We are planning to attend again next year.
- 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 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 are also looking to host a Block Party at the ADRC for Grandparents Day in September. Tenley has been in contact with the ADRC and they are interested. Candis and Tenley will work with the ADRC to plan this event. If anyone is interested in helping to plan, please let Tenley and Candis know.

### **Raising a Thinking Child/I Can Problem Solve Update**

- Tenley did an *I Can Problem Solve* training for the staff at the YMCA Summer Camp on June 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>.

- The current class of *Raising a Thinking Child* started on June 14<sup>th</sup> and will continue on Thursdays until July 26<sup>th</sup>. There were 9 parents who attended the first class. The class seems to be going well so far.
- Candis shared the short documentary on Dr. Myrna Shure, which features several families and people from Door County. You can view the documentary here: <https://doorcountyparents.com/sturgeon-bay-gains-national-exposure-in-myrna-shure-documentary/>
  - It was suggested that this documentary be shared with Human Services staff members.
- 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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