

**Door County Partnership for Children and Families  
Family Enrichment Subcommittee Meeting Minutes**

Peninsula Room, Door County Government Center

October 22, 2018

10:30-11:15AM

*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), Kris Miller (Cradle to Career), Nikki Voight (Door-Tran), Paul Thierfelder (Sturgeon Bay Christian Counseling), Martha Neigel (Boys & Girls Club), Danielle Nyman (DC Human Services), Julie Grondin (DC Human Services), Tyler Powell (YMCA), Rachael Millner (DC Public Health), Rebecca Nicholson (Door County Partnership for Children and Families)

**Next Meeting Date/Time**

- The next meeting of the Family Enrichment Subcommittee will be **Monday, November 26<sup>th</sup>**, at 10:30 a.m. in the Chambers Room at the Door County Government Center.
- Family Enrichment 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**

- Martha: Thrills on 3<sup>rd</sup> – Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup>
  - Pumpkin painting, haunted house, food fundraiser
  - 11/12/18: Big Thanksgiving Meal at Club
  - Parent Committee – Wednesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>
- Tyler: Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup> – Halloween Parties at both YMCA locations
  - Healthy Living Fair – October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 8:30 – 12:00
- Wess: Halloween Ball – Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at Fire Company
- Danielle: Human Services is offering a series of trainings over the next few months
  - October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018: Barb Bigalke, Center for Suicide Awareness – Trauma: Effects on the Brain & Mental Health
  - November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018: Tina Baeten, Baeten Counseling & Consulting – Trauma: What It Is, How it Impacts the Body, the Brain & Innovative Ways to Treat It
  - December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018: Tenley Koehler, UW Extension – Adolescent Brain Development

**Large group updates:**

- There will be a screening of the film *Paper Tigers* on Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. at the Kress Pavilion. A panel discussion will follow.
- We are happy to announce that we have hired a new member of the Partnership staff. Chad Welch, our new Family Engagement Leader, will start on Monday, October 29<sup>th</sup>.
- We are excited to announce that the Dolly Parton's Imagination Library program will be coming to Door County! This is a FREE book gifting program for young children. Children (ages birth – 5) will be able to register for this program. Registered children will receive one free book per month – mailed directly to their home. There is no cost for families to be a part of this program. For the Door County Partnership for Children and

Families, there is a cost of \$25/child/year. This cost will be covered by grants and community donations. Registration will begin online in January 2019. A Kick-Off event is being planned for the Door County Library in Sturgeon Bay for December.

- Please share this information with anyone who might have children that would be eligible to sign up. We also ask that you share this information with anyone who might be interested in making a donation to the program. Donations can be made by check (payable to United Way of Door County) – please indicate that it is for Imagination Library.
- Website/Facebook page: We continue to add information and events to both the website ([www.doorcountyparents.com](http://www.doorcountyparents.com)) and the Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/doorcountyparents](http://www.facebook.com/doorcountyparents)). Please be sure to let us know if there is any information that you would like to see added.
- If you have any events/information that you would like added to the Door County Partnership for Children and Families newsletter, please be sure to let Candis know.
- Rebecca has created a monthly parents newsletter. If you would like to receive this, please sign-up on the website.

### **Block Party Update**

- The September Block Party at the ADRC went well. We had a few grandparents/grandchildren attend. Many of the families were part of a playgroup that regularly meets on Thursdays.
- The volunteers at the ADRC seemed to enjoy being play assistants. There were a few volunteers who did not receive many children at their block stations. For future block parties, we will have to look at the types of blocks we have available for the anticipated ages of children.

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

- We do not have any RTC classes currently scheduled. We will work to schedule classes once Tenley is back from leave.
- It asked if there is any way to do a follow-up session with parents who have completed RTC as a refresher of what they learned.
  - Kris mentioned that she is hearing that parents enjoy this class, but have a difficult time remembering what they learned.

### **Parent Café**

- At the September meeting, we did a mock Parent Café. Candis asked those who were there to share their thoughts on the program.
  - Nikki shared that it would be beneficial if there was some time at the end of the event to make additional connections (time for parents to chat)
  - Attendees liked the active listening activity – it was difficult to do, but they felt they learned from this
  - The mock Parent Café was difficult, because it was so short compared to an actual Parent Café.
  - Attendees think this will be a good program, but that the most difficult part will be finding volunteers for childcare.
- Childcare:
  - Is there any way to partner with High School Students?
    - We could look at hosting at the school

- Important to advertise that children do not have to attend, but childcare is available if needed as a courtesy for parents who cannot leave child at home.
- Day of the Week:
  - If we did this on a weekend, we could utilize the Boys & Girls Club
- Facilitators:
  - We should work to get parents to be the table hosts and facilitators.

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