

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

Peninsula Room, Door County Government Center

November 26, 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), Sherri Dantoin (YMCA), Rachael Millner (DC Public Health), Chad Welch (Door County Partnership for Children and Families), Tenley Koehler (UW Extension), Chelsea Smies (DC Public Health), Callie Krauel (Door County Medical Center)

**Next Meeting Date/Time**

- The next meeting of the Family Enrichment Subcommittee will be **Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup>**, at 10:30 a.m. in the Chambers Room at the Door County Government Center.
  - Please note the change in date due to the holidays.
- In 2019, 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**

- Welcome Back Tenley!
- Welcome Chad!
  - Chad Welch is the new Family Engagement Leader for the Door County Partnership for Children and Families. Chad has been working to learn about what we have been doing and connecting with many of the providers. He has also started working on Parents Café, Block Parties, and will be involved with the Imagination Library program and other Partnership activities.
- Sherri (YMCA): Family Fun Night on Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup> – Gingerbread Creations
- Callie (DCMC): DCMC is looking to hire another LCSW
- Mary Ellen (Public Health): The County is currently looking at the possibility of merging the Public Health and Human Services Departments.
  - Diana Logan is now at Door County Medical Center. She still hopes to be involved with the Door County Partnership for Children and Families.
- Tenley (UW Extension): Tenley shared information on a new resource – *Raising Caring Kids*. This is a new program from UW Extension that is sent out as a series of emails to parents with children in 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grades. The information offers ways to build children’s social and emotional learning. PDF versions of this information are available online, along with a few short videos. <https://parenting.uwex.edu/raising-caring-kids/>
- UW Extension will be hosting a webinar on Wednesday, November 28<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. in the Peninsula Room at the Door County Government Center on Holiday Traditions and Self-Care. Coffee, hot chocolate, and snacks will be provided.

### **Large group updates:**

- The Executive Committee is continuing to work on developing the new Strategic Plan for the Partnership. The plan will include the items we are currently working on, as well as additional activities.
- The Imagination Library program will officially begin in January – the first group of children should begin receiving their books in about March (it takes approximately 12 weeks from registration to begin receiving books).
  - We will be doing a Kick-Off event on **Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the Sturgeon Bay Library**. This will be a Glitter-Rama themed event. Families will be able to come and learn more about the Imagination Library program (and register!) and make holiday decorations/crafts covered in glitter.
  - For those interested in donating: The program is free for families to register their children. In order to support the cost of this program, we will be dependent on grant funding and community donations. If you are interested in making a donation – it costs just \$25 to provide one child with a free book per month for a year – you can do so by either contacting Candis or by making a donation via the United Way of Door County (be sure to indicate that the donation is for the Imagination Library program).
- 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.

### **Family Well-Being Survey**

- The Executive Committee has suggested that we look at doing another Family Wellbeing Survey to help us as we continue planning for future programs.
- In Spring 2016, a Family Well-Being survey was sent out to Door County Parents. The purpose was to find out more information from Door County parents on how we can best help young families and what it is that they are looking for.
  - UW Extension helped to develop the first survey
  - Surveys were distributed via schools (emails), paper surveys (Family Services and other providers), and were available on I-Pads at some locations (Boys & Girls Club)
  - There were almost 400 responses
  - More responses came from Elementary and Middle School parents
- New Survey
  - All agreed that we should do another survey.
  - We should all look at the questions individually and send feedback to Tenley. At the December meeting, we will review the questions and feedback as a full committee.
  - Questions to add:
    - Have you heard about Block Parties and Raising a Thinking Child?
    - Co-Parenting

- We should send out a press release when the survey goes out – let people know that they can send in suggestions even if they don't take the survey.
- Add Partnership information to welcome information on the survey, as well as what the information from the last survey was helpful in determining.
- Should we provide an incentive?
  - After discussion, it was decided that no incentive would be needed.
- Everyone was in agreement that we should continue to work on Block Parties, Raising a Thinking Child, and Parent Cafés while working on the survey. We can make adjustments to our programming after the survey if needed.

### **Block Party Update**

- The September Block Party at the ADRC went well. Chad has been talking to Cathy from the ADRC about doing another Block Party.
  - The next ADRC Block Party is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.
    - This is Sturgeon Bay's Spring Break
    - The ADRC has more volunteers who are willing to serve as Play Assistants
- We are looking at hosting a Block Party in Northern Door. Chad will talk to Tyler about using the Northern Door YMCA as the location.
- Candis will talk to Ann Smejkal about the possibility of doing another Block Party during the Sunset School Family Fun Night.
- It was suggested that we could possibly work with the YMCA to have a Block Party as part of a YMCA Family Fun Night.
- It was also suggested that we do a Block Party at the Boys & Girls Club
  - Wess suggested that this could be a part of the Cornerstone Program that he does at the Boys & Girls Club.

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

- The Committee agreed that we should look at doing another RTC class again soon, in order to keep the momentum going.
- After discussing possibilities, it was decided that a daytime class during winter would be the best option for now.
  - People might be more willing to travel during the daytime with winter weather.
- Possible Locations
  - It was decided that we would stay with Sturgeon Bay/Sevastapol for this winter class.
  - Library
  - NWTC (do they have space available for the class and childcare?)
  - Hope Church
  - Boys & Girls Club
  - YMCA (if their TTX room would be big enough; we could utilize the childcare room, as long as it was not during the YMCA childcare hours)
- Childcare will be the biggest issue again. When we advertise, we should be sure to share that childcare is available if needed, but that the kids do not have to attend.
- During the last winter daytime class, people did not really participate in the meal before the class.
- Tenley, Candis, and Chad will look at possible dates and locations.

- Promotion – use Facebook, Press Releases, 1 on 1 referrals
- Kris mentioned that she has received good feedback on the class, but that people are finding it hard to remember what they learn
  - How do we stay connected with RTC families?
    - Parent Newsletter
    - Facebook
    - Continue sending the RTC weekly emails to all families
  - RTC Wisconsin Facebook page for families who have completed the program
  - 6-month follow-up evaluations could be done in person – rather than by phone call. This could be a celebration of what they learned, a refresher on the material, and an in-person evaluation.
    - There has been difficulty in getting participation in the 6-month follow-up evaluations.
- It was suggested that we look at the possibility of a webinar option for the class.
  - Tenley mentioned that UW Extension can now record their webinars.
  - It was suggested that we would want to have recordings password protected, so that there is still a sense of privacy for the class.

### **Parent Café**

- Chad has been talking to Manitowoc and Brown Counties to learn more about their Parent Cafés. Both counties focus on the 5 Protective Factors.
- Based on what Chad has learned, the ideal Parent Café would be:
  - Once a month
  - Meal and Childcare provided
  - Location: Start in Sturgeon Bay – build from there if needed
  - Can be a valuable tool for parents to network
- Will need volunteers for childcare and possibly for Table Hosts
  - Childcare:
    - 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.
  - Table Hosts
    - Ideally, table hosts would be Parents – possibly RTC graduates
    - Everyone should think about who they know that they could personally invite to be a table host

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