

**Door County Partnership for Children and Families  
Family Enrichment Subcommittee Meeting Minutes**  
Peninsula Room, Door County Government Center  
December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018, 10:30 a.m.

*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), Wess Roberts (Help of Door County), Kris Miller (Cradle to Career), Nikki Voight (Door-Tran), Paul Thierfelder (Sturgeon Bay Christian Counseling), Sherri Dantoin (YMCA), Chad Welch (Door County Partnership for Children and Families), Tenley Koehler (UW Extension), Chelsea Smies (DC Public Health), Callie Krauel (Door County Medical Center), Martha Neigel (Boys & Girls Club of Door County)

\*If you attended this meeting but are not included in the above list, please be sure to let Candis know.

**Next Meeting Date/Time**

- The next meeting of the Family Enrichment Subcommittee will be **Monday, January 28<sup>th</sup>**, at **11:00 a.m.** in the Chambers Room at the Door County Government Center.
  - Discussion was had about the meeting time for 2019 meetings.
- In 2019, Family Enrichment Committee meetings will continue to be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each Month.
- \*\*\*Meetings will now be from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.\*\*\* Please note this change in time.

**Introductions/Agency Updates**

- Door County Medical Center – They are hiring a LCSW Therapist.
- YMCA – The YMCA will be handing out more than 150 donated gifts to families in need for Christmas.
- HELP of Door County – They received several pallets of surplus goods. These items (clothing, etc.) are free to anyone in need. Please make referrals to HELP before sending people to them.
- Public Health – Sue Powers has accepted the position of Health Officer/Manager for Public Health. Public Health will be merging with the Human Services Department.
- Boys & Girls Club – The Parent Advisory Committee for the Boys & Girls Club is off to a great start. They raised \$780 for the Kids Kitchen Program by bagging groceries at Econo Foods.

**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. More information will be shared on this in the future.
- Registration is now available for the Imagination Library program – the first group of children should begin receiving their books in February or March (it takes approximately 12 weeks from registration to begin receiving books).

- A Kick-Off event (Glitter-Rama) was held on Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the Sturgeon Bay Library. Approximately 30 families attended and registered their children for the program.
- 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).
- Discussion was had on possible ways to continue sharing the information about the Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library program.
  - School Newsletters
  - Welcome Wagon program
  - Need to create flyers
    - Share at Boys & Girls Club and YMCA
    - Candis will work with Julie from the United Way Office to create a flyer to share.
- 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.
  - We are currently hosting a Facebook contest to increase the number of page likes. The Door County Medical Center has graciously provided a gift certificate for a free massage. On December 20<sup>th</sup>, we will be drawing one person who likes our Facebook page to receive the gift certificate.
  - We are also looking at new ways to add content to the page, including Facebook Live videos.
- If you have any events/information that you would like added to the Door County Partnership for Children and Families provider 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**

- Chad has been working on scheduling future block parties.
- We are looking to host a Block Party at the ADRC during Sturgeon Bay School’s Spring Break in March. Cathy from the ADRC will secure Play Assistants for this event.
- Chad has been talking to Tyler from the YMCA about the possibility of hosting a Block Party in Northern Door. He will continue to share updates on this at the next meeting.
  - It was suggested that perhaps we could host a Block Party during the YMCA Healthy Kids Day events. Chad will talk to Tyler about this possibility.
- If we wanted to host a Block Party at the Boys & Girls Club, we would have to do so outside of normal Club Hours (Saturdays or weeknights after 6:30 p.m.).

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

- Raising a Thinking Child
  - The next session of Raising a Thinking Child will begin on Wednesday, February 6<sup>th</sup> and continue weekly until March 20<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. at Hope Church in Sturgeon Bay.
    - This will be a 7-week class.
  - We will provide breakfast snacks during the class.
  - We will need a few volunteers to help with childcare. If anyone is interested in volunteering, please talk to Chad and Candis.
- I Can Problem Solve
  - Tenley met with a group of National ICPS Trainers this morning.
  - Tenley will be talking in Outagamie and Marinette Counties this Spring.

## **Parent Café**

- The first Parent Café is scheduled for Tuesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. at Hope Church in Sturgeon Bay.
- Parent Cafés are based on the 5 Protective Factors and help to create connections between parents/caregivers.
- A free meal will be offered from 5:30 – 6:00 p.m. Childcare will also be provided for those who need it.
- We will need volunteers to help with childcare.
  - Currently, we have a few Sturgeon Bay High School students who will be helping with childcare. Based on our Background Check Policy, students can help with childcare, but we still need to have background checked adults present. We will need 2-3 adult volunteers.
  - Please contact Chad or Candis if you are interested in volunteering to help with childcare.
- We will also need parents/volunteers to serve as table hosts for the evening. We will need at least 5 table hosts.
  - Martha and Nikki volunteered to act as table hosts.
- Ideally, we would have about 25 people attend the Parent Café.
- Frequency of Parent Cafés: As we continue to move forward, we will need to evaluate how frequent Parent Cafés should be held (How valuable is this to parents?)

## **Family Well-Being Survey**

- We walked through and discussed changes to questions on the survey.
- Tenley will work to go through the IRB process with UW-Madison. This will allow us to utilize the information provided by survey respondents.
- Welcome Page
  - It was suggested that we call this the Door County Family Enrichment Survey.
  - Add a link to [www.doorcountyparents.com](http://www.doorcountyparents.com)
  - Provide history of DCPCF
  - Include successes/testimonials (RTC, Block Parties, Parent Cafés)
    - What have we done because of the survey results?
- Questions:
  - Need to reword some questions to ensure that people know whether we are talking about the parent or the child.
  - How to support people who need to have the survey read to them?

- Provide the option to contact DCPCF for support.
- We discussed changes for questions 1- 16. The rest of the questions will be discussed at the January meeting.
- Tenley and Candis will work to compile the suggestions made.

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