

CHIPA Meeting Minutes November 11th, 2015
8:30 – 9:00 am

Attendance: Sarah Carroll, Polly Carlton, Dan Besselsen, Kelly Bulloch, Casey Ressler, Amanda Cozzens, Mary Shiller, Alicia Walker, Missy Russell

Comment [U1]: Open for Missy to vet....I didn't get all attendees in my notes

1. All were welcomed and introductions were made.
2. One addition was added to the agenda. Mary Shiller noted that there are a number of Children's House "mom" events. She suggested that a "couples" event be added in February 2016 for Valentine's Day. Event could include beer/wine, chocolate, cheese, etc. Lots of options for hosting the "couples" event. A "couples" event will be discussed further in the coming months.
3. Reviewed Recent Activities:
 - **Mom's Night** – Miss Russell noted that lots of new moms to the school attended and some brought friends, a total of 40 to 50 people. A lot of food was left, as it appeared not many attendees ate. It was suggested that tall tables to eat on be added in the future.
 - **Pumpkin Fun Day** – Mary Shiller noted that the elementary kids had a good time; there were plenty of volunteers so everyone had left by 3:45 pm. The crafts were not too complicated and the elementary teachers were happy.
4. Reviewed Upcoming Events:
 - **Holiday Art Market** – November 13th and 14th
Missy Russell noted some changes for this year's Art Market: food all day, more artists (tables all the way down the hallway), poster / color therapy craft for adults / kids.
 - **Horizon Book Day** – November 14th
Missy Russell noted that teachers will go to Horizon Books and pick out books for their baskets this week, the front Horizon Book's window which is done by the Children's House looks good, Karen Libby is all set with volunteers for the event.
 - **Classroom Harvest Feast** –

Toddler : November 23rd & 24th

Primary & Elementary: November 24th

- **Action Point:** All room parents are asked to contact their respective teachers to see how they can be of assistance.

5. Administrative Update

• **Teacher Appreciation Lunch**

Missy Russell noted that there is a teacher Professional Development Day on February 12, 2016. Michele Shane has \$500 to put towards a catered lunch and has asked that CHiPA coordinate the lunch. Alicia Walker volunteered to coordinate the lunch.

• **Karen Circle**

Missy Russell noted that the Karen Circle lunch was held last week and 14 women attended (historically 12-15 women). Karen Circle involves a \$1K donation each and you help allocate the donated funds. A number of funded items (not an exhaustive list) included:

- New laptops (kitchen, Nadine, Jill)
- \$2K for teacher professional development
- Library enhancements
- \$4K for arts (new musical instruments, etc)
- \$2K for infant / toddler curriculum materials
- iPad Nano for Steve
- Aprons / chef hats for Kitchen classroom

• **Miscellaneous Updates**

Missy Russell noted that Parent Education Nights have been super well attended so far this school year. Michele Shane is having meetings with all 6th grade families regarding the new Children's House Junior High program. November 23, 2015 there will be a Junior High meeting with Michele, Children's House Board Members, Junior High teachers, etc. Lastly, Missy provided an enrollment update: Infant (full), Toddler (2 openings in February 2016), Primary (4 openings), Lower Elementary (1 more student added in January 2016).

Respectively Submitted,

Dan Besselsen
Infant Room Parent