

## CHiPA Meeting Notes

October 3, 2018

**Attendance:** Virginie Kanner, Allison Cavanaugh, Mary Schiller, Alicia Walker-Hundley, Misha Neidorfler, Polly Carlton, Sarah Bancroft-Treadway, Carrine Pomaranski, Emily Modrall, Mindy Beers, and Renee Hintz

1. Events - getting involved in the life of the school as a parent volunteer enriches our community and there are lots of opportunities to pitch in:
  - a. Harvest Festival - Carrine announced that 243 people had already signed up to attend; other than another face painter, all volunteer spots have been filled; the children are excited to be planning the activities, feast, and the new “haunted house”
  - b. Pumpkin Fun Day (Lower Elementary) - 14 parent volunteers will be needed from 1 - 3 p.m. on October 31. Mindy has pumpkins and is happy to donate them. Room parents will reach out to Nadine and Sandra’s classes for support.
  - c. The **Holiday Art Market** will be on November 9 from 3 - 7 p.m. and November 10 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Volunteers will be needed to help set up on Friday and run check-out on Saturday afternoon. Yard signs will be in next week and will need families, particularly on the east side, to help distribute. Contact Misha: [misha@traversechildrenshouse.org](mailto:misha@traversechildrenshouse.org).
  - d. **Horizon Books Day** - A percentage of all sales on November 10 will benefit TCH - gift certificates count! Karen Libby organizes a book sale on that day to help build our school library. Teachers choose books they want for their classrooms and friends of TCH purchase those books at Horizon Books on Nov. 10. Five more parent volunteers are needed to make this event successful. Contact Karen: [karen.libby@interlochen.org](mailto:karen.libby@interlochen.org).
  - e. Carnival - Mary Schiller mentioned the idea of a “barter barge” at this year’s school carnival. The idea came from Art Prize: <https://www.artprize.org/66868>.
  - f. Gala - Misha announced the date moved up to March 8 this year and we will have a new Business Sponsorship program. Volunteers will be needed prior to the event to help with decorations. Emily is in charge of the teacher board again this year. This was very successful last year - people really enjoyed making

donations that directly purchased a needed classroom item. Anything not “sold” during the gala will be promoted to families online.

- g. Grandparents Day - Carinne will be organizing again this year but would like a protege. The CHiPA meeting prior to this day is used as a workbee to help with nametags, etc.
2. **Meal Train** - Alicia is happy to organize Meal Trains for families in need of support. More volunteers need to be added to the list - it is a very rewarding experience especially if you have ever been a recipient of a Meal Train. It will be listed in the Compass. Contact Alicia: [alicia.walker@alum.dartmouth.org](mailto:alicia.walker@alum.dartmouth.org).
3. Classroom needs - noted that there was no volunteer sign up sheet at parent orientation night. Alisons class is using Sign Up Genius to organize emerging reader volunteer opportunities. The school also uses this service for P/T conferences. Alicia Walker offered to help with figuring out the school-wide Sign-up Genius suggestion.
4. **Easy Money - Start saving your Box Tops, Oleson’s receipts, and using AmazonSmile!** Polly offered to help lead this effort with support from Misha and Jenny Terfehr. It will be announced in the Compass with previous amounts raised through Box Tops, Oleson’s, AmazonSmile, etc. over the years.
5. **Next meeting will be November 7 at 8:30 a.m. - required attendance for all room parents.**