

FC September '22 Meeting Agenda / Minutes

5:45 - 7:45

Present:

Robin Goldstein

Audrey West

Erin James

Jenny Guelich

Liz Southard

Rebecca Veltri

John Christ

Sarah Noel

Dominic Marzola

Ariel Gosling

***All School google calendar- send calendar invites? TABLED

Volunteering to do dropoff- good way to get to know all the families TABLED

For all communications, use the following protocol:

EMAIL: 2 weeks prior to event- event announcement

1 week prior to event- event reminder (this can be couched in another email)

2 days prior to event- event reminder email

FB POSTS: 2 weeks prior to event- event announcement

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EVENTS

- 1) New ideas for a Harvest / Halloween family activity/event
 - a) -jack-o-lantern trail walk? - No, just decorate around the event with them
 - b) -costumes- Yes, and do contest again
 - i) Homemade
 - ii) Creative
 - iii) Spookiest
 - iv) "On-the-spot-adj-of choice" (see what they wear)
 - c) host 4-6pm-
 - d) Reached out to PSU Community Service/Outreach dept to get helpers to run the programs
 - e) BYOP; get a few just in case someone comes without
 - f) Ask families to bring carved or uncarved pumpkins (uncarved can be done at the event)
 - g) At check-in give out slips for voting for your favorite pumpkin
 - h) Cider donut string eating
 - i) Relay races in the creek this time

- j) Pumpkin decorating
 - k) New games? Ask volunteers
 - l) Apple dipping (slices, toppings, caramel, wooden skewers)
 - m) Stamp card to verify you did all game stations then receive a bag of candy (lunchskins with candy, pre-filled)
- 2) Yard Sale September 10
- a) No bake sale, didn't have the interest for it
 - b) Have volunteers set
- 3) What sorts of "easy" events to offer this year?
- a) ice skating at Fox Park; can also have kids go sledding
 - b) Veterans ski area in Franklin - parking, bathrooms, rentals, skiing, skating, sledding- Liz Southard will check on this option
 - c) bowling, hiking, apple picking, ice skating at Lake Morey, sledding, other ideas? EVO climbing gym?
 - d) Start a Winter Activities google doc for collaborative use in brainstorming and sharing details on things people look into
 - e) Look into Polar Caves climbing - will they offer a discount, allow us to host something there
 - f) Less organized events
 - i) Fox Park Fridays
 - ii) Bike rides
 - iii) Hikes
- 4) Solstice
- a) Add sing-along to the walk; by the kids; make song books? How do we do this- have the kids together first and perform and then disperse for festivities and solstice walk?
 - b) Get teacher feedback to ensure participation and investment
- 5) Parade Ideas
- a) Re-use mountain sheet
 - b) Have a gathering for children to make lanterns to walk around the mountain; use theme of Maria Montessori quotes about children lighting the way or they are the light
 - c) Invite teachers and board members to join us
 - d) New way to carry the mountain sheet - use a light trailer and build a mounting system
 - i) John to work on this, maybe with Jared (we volunteered him so check)
 - e) Need a co-chair to work on the other items and with John overall
- 6) Interest in bristol festival of trees? Any families from Bristol interested?
- a) Erin will manage this again

- b) Can we source or make a small wooden tree
- c) Can we do two trees and have one tree at Plymouth and one at Bristol
- d) Divide ornaments from students for the two trees
- 7) Additional fundraising ideas- Erin- calendar; selling student art cards
 - a) <https://kidskards.com/>
 - b) <https://www.thecardproject.ca/fundraising.php>
 - c) Cash calendar - Erin has someone who manages this
 - i) Do by class not by student to limit the need to get permission from each parent
 - ii) Do paper and hyperlink
 - iii) Can we get local things added in
 - iv) Decide what percentage to keep for FC and how to allocate the other percentages
 - v) Try to run this before Giving Tuesday so we aren't asking one on top of the other
 - d) Merchandise getting arranged by Erin with consult from Alfie
 - i) Items are marked up by a chosen amount and that amount goes back to the school (or FC in the future with Board approval)
 - ii) Set to be up and running in about 2 weeks
 - iii) Digital store, open for a given amount of time; purchase on your own; items go to Erin and get sorted by UE and LE for pick-up; can choose to have shipped to you for a fee

TEACHER AND CLASSROOM SUPPORT

- 1) Classroom Helper Program
 - a) do we call this classroom liaison? TABLED
 - b) Have two families from UE/MS restocking UE/MS for each "semester" Sept-Dec, Jan-June- 4 families total
 - i) Need to assign/find by next week- to start on Sept 18.
 - (1) Contact: Kelsey
 - ii) Add cleaning the microwave and fridge, or find someone else for that

FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAM (Liz)

- 1) WINTER PROGRAM
 - a) Fundraising
 - i) NHEC grant- winter program submitted
 - (1) need-based scholarships: -downhill skiing is expensive; some families can afford it and should pay, as able; other schools offer scholarships, get about \$2000 in grant money for this
 - (2) if we had less expensive options, like XC, we may be able to request full funding for those activities- transportation, instruction, etc, in the future

- ii) Future ideas:
 - (1) Xc skiing at green woodlands, squam lake, waterville- Bill Koch offers after school option; transportation and parent supervision required, which makes it difficult for families to join; how effective are lower el skis?
 - (2) Squam offers nature guides / Americorp volunteers
 - (3) Winter photography- Kim?
 - (4) Survey families to gauge interest
 - (5) Possibility of extending winter program by a couple of weeks
- iii) Gearx grant Submitted- gear hut
- b) Options on winter program- different mountains is WV isn't possible; xc skiing at any of these mountains
- c) find someone to assist/ organize winter program

G&M

Need to find replacement chair

Need to rework odd jobs

John Martin volunteered to do stump removal on new land

OTHER

Any families have concerns / questions / suggestions they want brought to the board meeting?

1. Would like to see an annual appeal for the dev
2. Proper capital development
3. Need to hire somebody professional?
4. Curriculum development in accordance with mission (nature-based, Montessori)

Tag Rebecca Veltri for parent helper during the wool unit

Family Friday:

Typical format but do permission slip type form so that teachers know which parents are coming and which aren't. Have kids from ASP handed off to Monica to "manage", teachers will "manage" their own students who don't have parents coming and are not part of the ASP. All will be able to join the group in Fort Creek for play and bake sale.