

Draft KidEase Parent Board Meeting
General Session Minutes
March 11, 2008

Attendees:

Board Members:

Analisa Beven
Lisa Childakis
Linh Nguyen
Stephanie Lee
Desa Donahue
Isabel Baer

Parents and Members:

Susie Chung

Discovery Tree:

Rebecca Foster

Agenda:

I. Introductions

II. Review and Approval of Minutes

III. Open Forum

- a. The group discussed encouraging the formation of a pre-K parent group to exchange information between parents about the transition to kindergarten.
- b. Concern was raised about a new law that would require children entering kindergarten be 5 at the time they start. Becca stated she would look into it.
- c. There was extensive discussion of the way the Discovery Tree waiting list works and why it is so long.
- d. There was discussion on the bird dropping problem on the playground. Currently the teachers are diligently cleaning it. Becca has contacted Thomas Properties to meet with them about it.

IV. Fundraising

- a. A subcommittee of interested Board members and parents will begin meeting at 11:30 on the Board Meeting day (in the same location) to discuss preparations for the Silent Auction.
- b. Isabel asked how much we wanted to pursue vendor contributions (hotels, airlines, restaurants, sport teams, ect.). It was suggested that we should, but limit to a manageable level and get a couple parents to work on that angle.

V. Budget Report

- a. Lisa Chiladakis will get Andrew to transfer the treasurer duties to her

- b. Lisa Chiladakis would like the Board to consider authorizing hiring a tax professional to do our taxes.

VI. Parent Participation

- a. Analisa will re-send the description of the Board's proposal for Parent Participation requirements to the Board and to the Parent Group.
- b. Concern was raised that the proposed requirements of 12 hours would be a lot for parents who do not have flexibility in their jobs to devote to the school and so the \$100 financial obligation would be high.
- c. The group discussed how the funds raised from the \$50 donations would be spent.
 - i. Concern was raised that allotting the entire \$50 to the silent auction might not pay off.
 - ii. A suggestion was made to split the \$50 donation between the KidEase budget and the silent auction.
 - iii. Analisa recommended that the \$50 donations go towards the budget and that the Auction be budgeted a specified amount for augmentation of the event beyond the baskets donated by the parents.

VII. Electronic Communications

- a. It was decided that the best way to clean up the current Google group list was to create a new list. Desa will type up the email addresses she has collected and provide to Linh to establish the new group.
- b. It was suggested that the first mailing to the new list include asking the parents if they want to add any additional email addresses to the list.

VIII. KidEase Meet and Greet

- a. The KidEase Meet and Greet will be held on April 10, 2008 from 4:00pm to 5:30pm in Training Room 1 East and West.
- b. Analisa will draft the agenda and mail to the Board by the end of the week.
- c. An idea was suggested that "dinner to go" for the children be offered as an incentive to increase attendance.
- d. It was suggested that Evite be used to encourage attendance.
- e. It was suggested that name tags be made for the parents with space for "whose parent".
- f. Suggested agenda items for the Meet and Greet:
 - i. "About the Board"
 - ii. The Board's expectations
 - iii. How the Board spends the money it raises
 - iv. What parents can do with to help the school
 - v. Explain the difference between Discovery Tree and KidEase

- vi. New Parent Participation requirements
- vii. Open Discussion
- viii. Include pictures of the items KidEase has paid for in the school (PPT presentation)

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